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Early Literacy & Reading in Virginia

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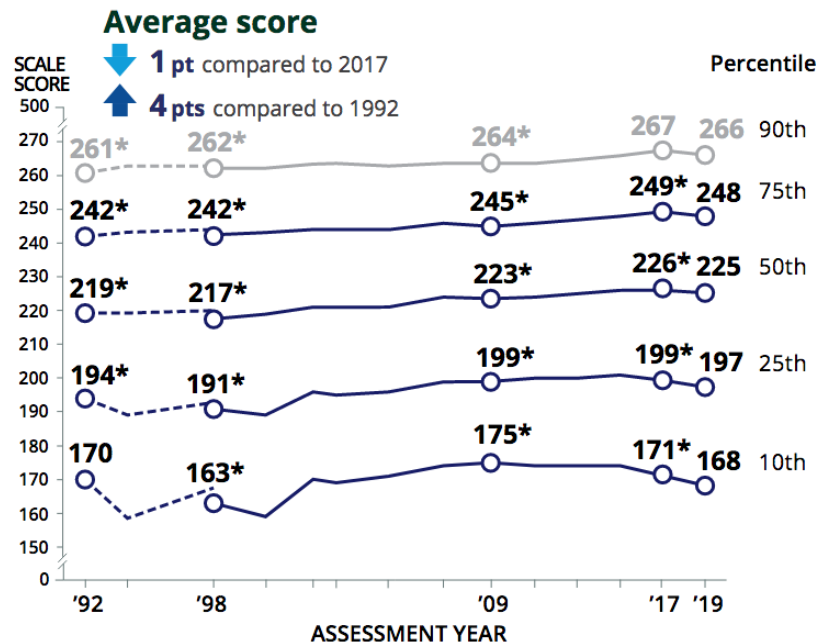
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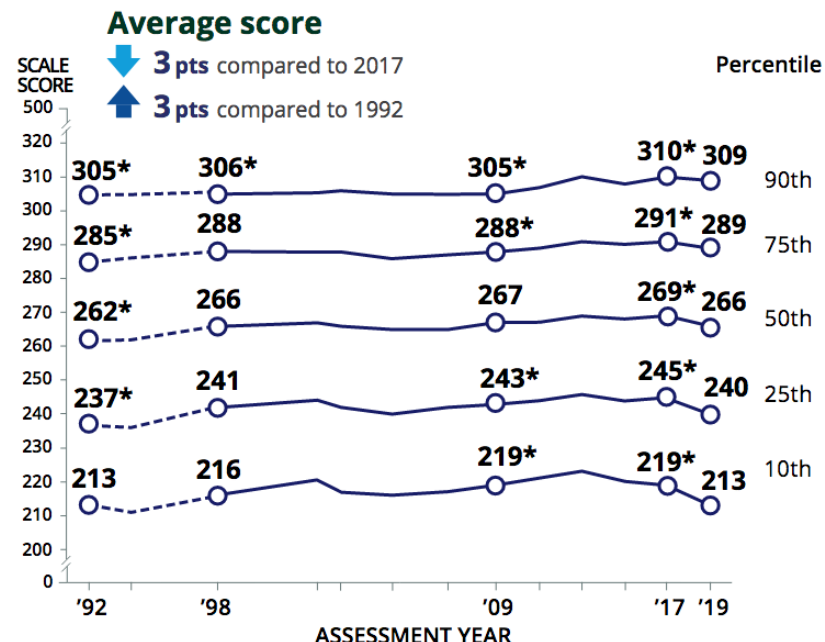
Grade 4 READING

Decreases across performance distribution except for the 90th percentile




Grade 8 READING

Decreases across performance distribution; greater decreases at the 10th and 25th percentiles



2019 NAEP: Literacy Levels are Broadly Stagnant



Literacy *is* Important & Related to Lifelong Outcomes

Has a strong impact on overall academic attainment (e.g. Baer, Cook, Baldi, 2006)

Has an impact on civics engagement (Venezky et al., 1986)

Has an impact on economic well being (Ritchie & Bates, 2013; US Department of Labor, 2007)

Impacts health outcomes (NCES, 2002)

Impact social participation and civic engagement (Venezky et al., 1986)

Push To Rethink Reading Instruction Gains Momentum In Wisconsin

By EMILY FILES • 5 HOURS AGO

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Good News/Bad News On How The Media Covers America's Reading Crisis



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I write about rethinking K-12 education to address social inequality.



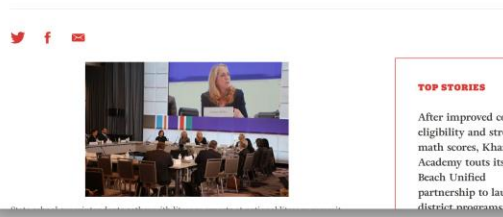
Solving A 'Student Achievement Crisis': Why Kids' Reading Scores Are Down

November 16, 2019



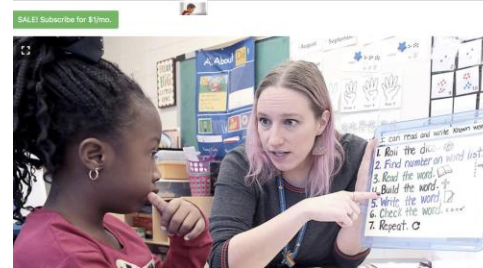
At national literacy summit, state education chiefs warn of reading stagnation

Kevin Mahnen | February 3, 2020



Phonics in focus: Advocates push Wisconsin for 'science of reading'

Logan Wroge | Wisconsin State Journal Feb 17, 2020



There Is a Right Way to Teach Reading, and Mississippi Knows It

The state's reliance on cognitive science explains why.

By Emily Hanford
Ms. Hanford is the senior education correspondent for AFM Reports.

Dec. 5, 2019



How More Teachers are Being Trained in the Science of Reading

By Holly Korbey Feb 14

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Hard Words

Why aren't kids being taught to read?



Kathleen Davis for AFM Reports

Read all about it: The 'reading wars' are back in America's education salons



Reading Instruction Is Controversial

Reading Wars

Dyslexia Laws

Whole Language

Balanced Literacy

Structured Literacy

Leveled Readers

Multi-sensory Instruction

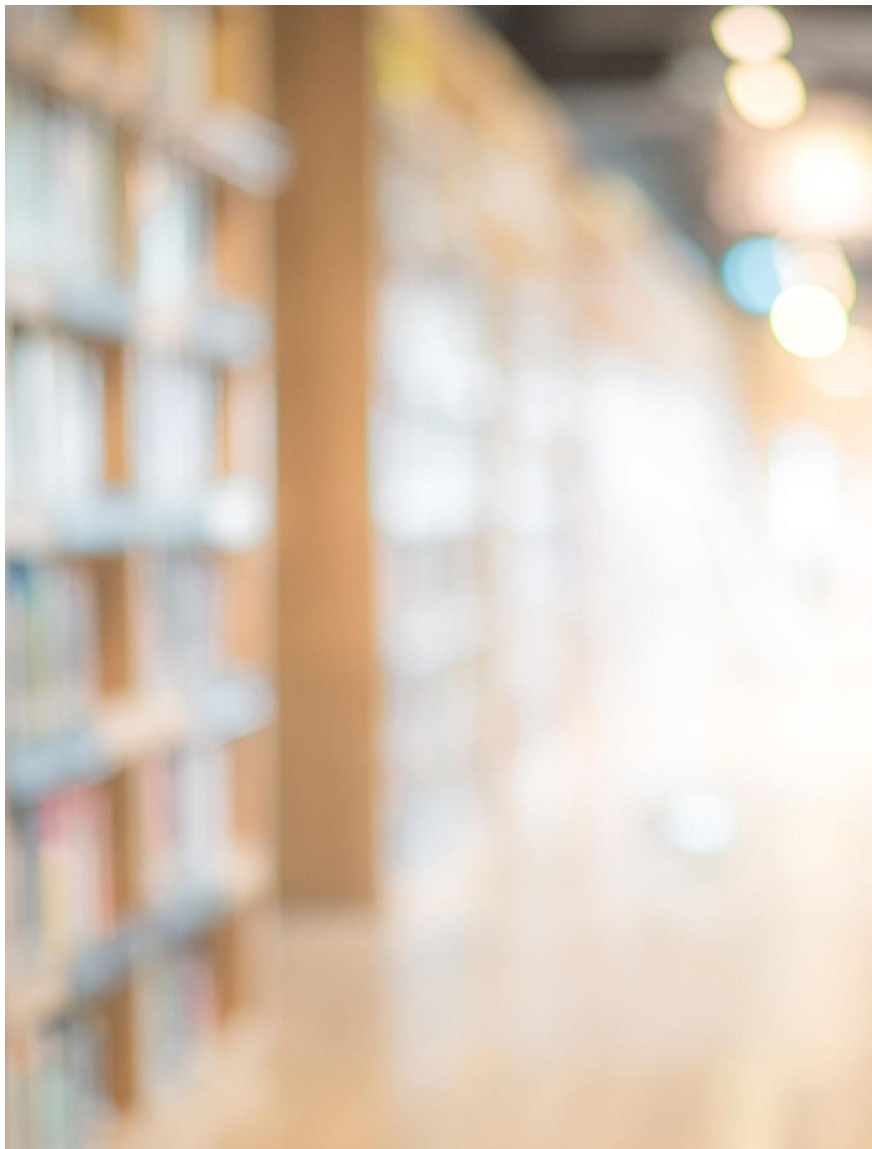
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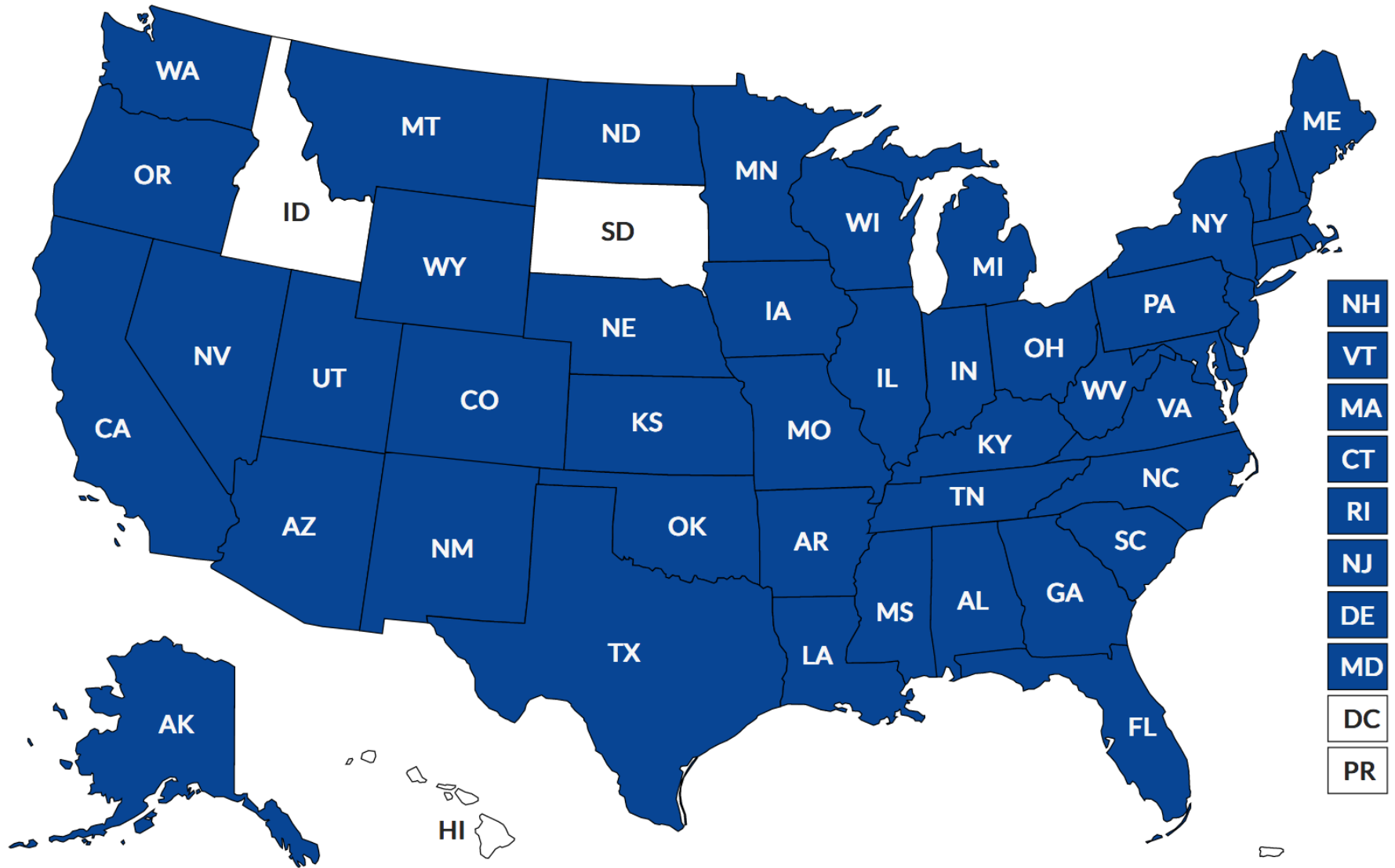
Synthetic Phonics

Screening

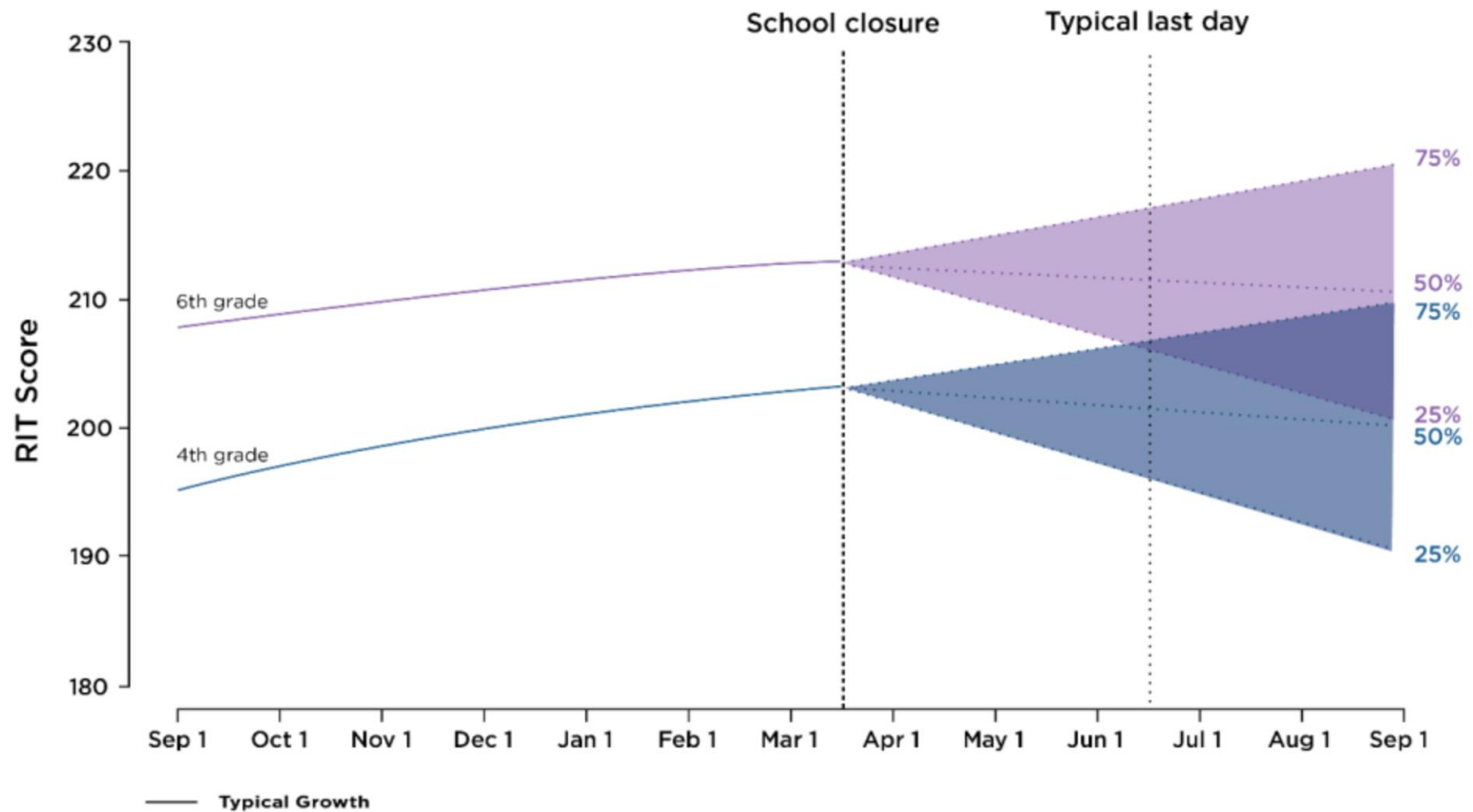
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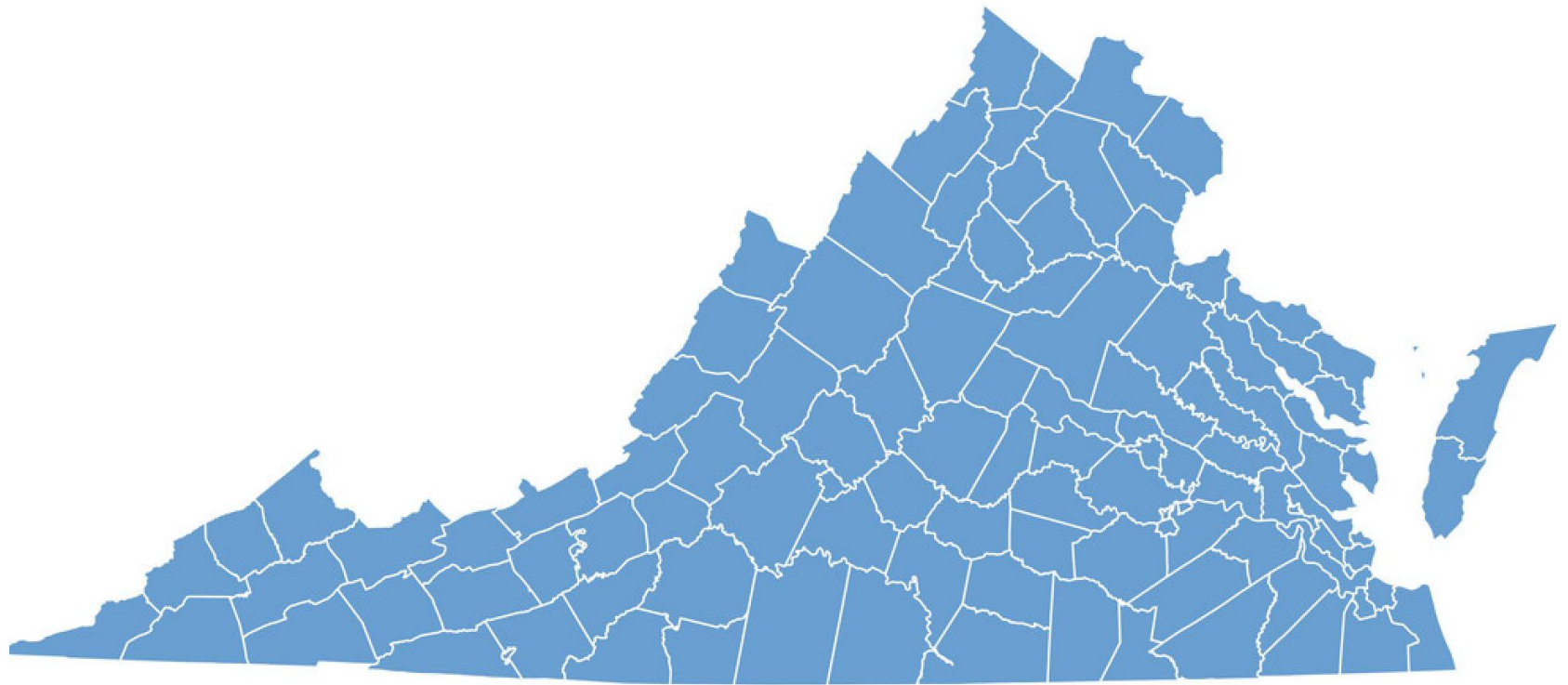


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Reading





Goals of Talk Today



What does the science tell us about how early reading develops and how does this inform effective and efficient early literacy instruction?



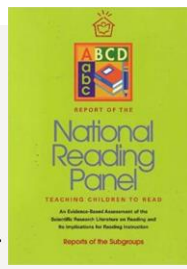
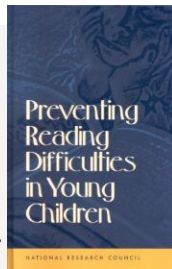
Describe why the early years are so important for reading achievement



Existing frameworks in Virginia that can be utilized to provide evidence based reading instruction for all learners

SCALE
SCORE

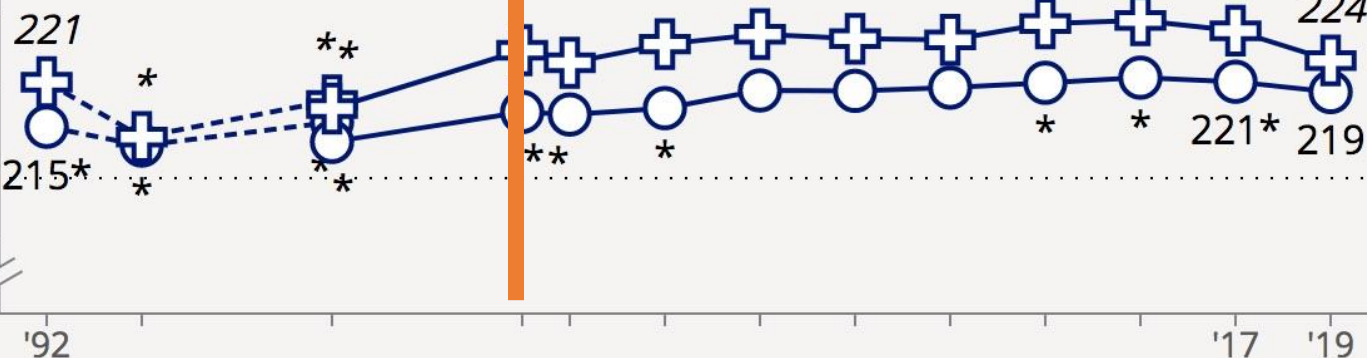
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**NAEP
Advanced**

**NAEP
Proficient**

**NAEP
Basic**



ASSESSMENT YEAR

VIRGINIA NAEP 1992-2019

SCIENCE OF READING

The evidence base is not new

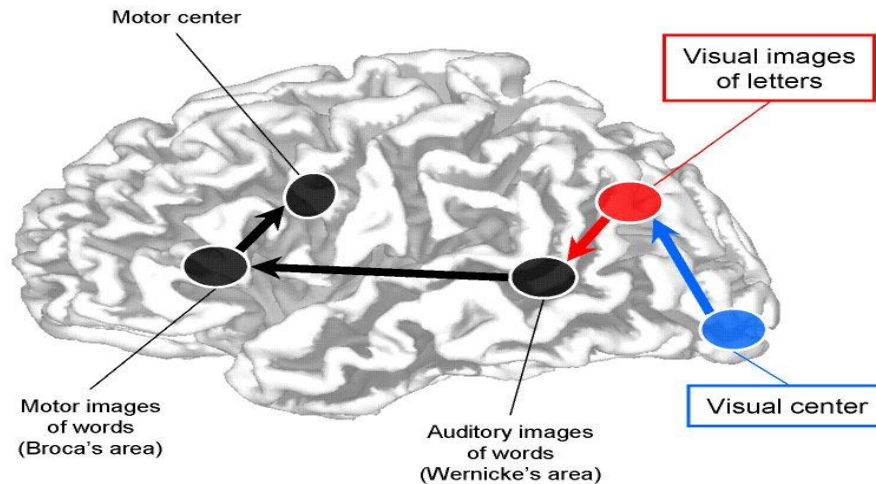
Converging evidence over many decades has established the scientific evidence base

It is not a list of things we need to do with kids

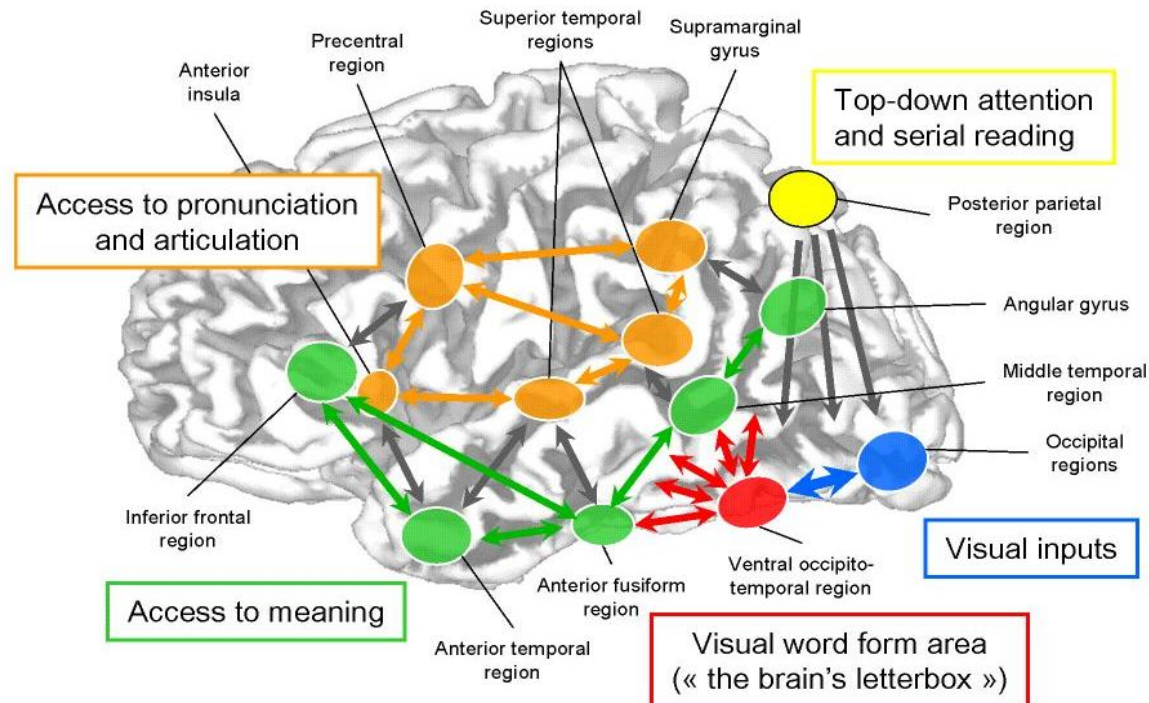
Explicit and systematic instruction of foundational reading skills (phonics, phonological awareness, orthographic mapping, etc.) with simultaneous high-quality language and meaning based instruction

Neurological Model of reading

The old neurological model of reading
(After Déjerine, 1892; Geschwind, 1965)



A modern view of the cortical networks for reading



(Dehaene, 2009)

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What does the Science of Reading tell us about early reading?

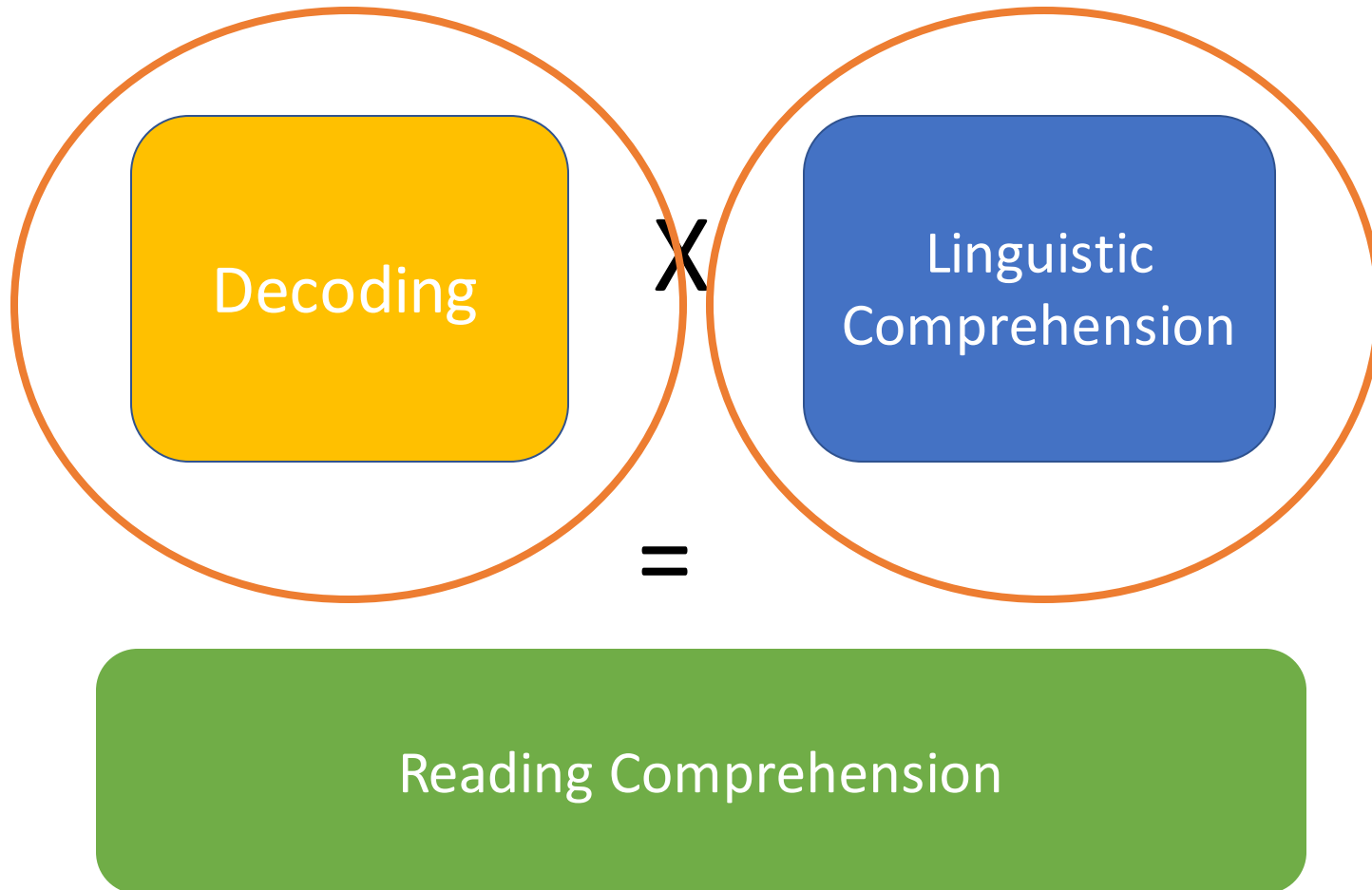
Reading is not the same as language development- reading is not natural

Kids need to be explicitly taught to connect letters and sounds

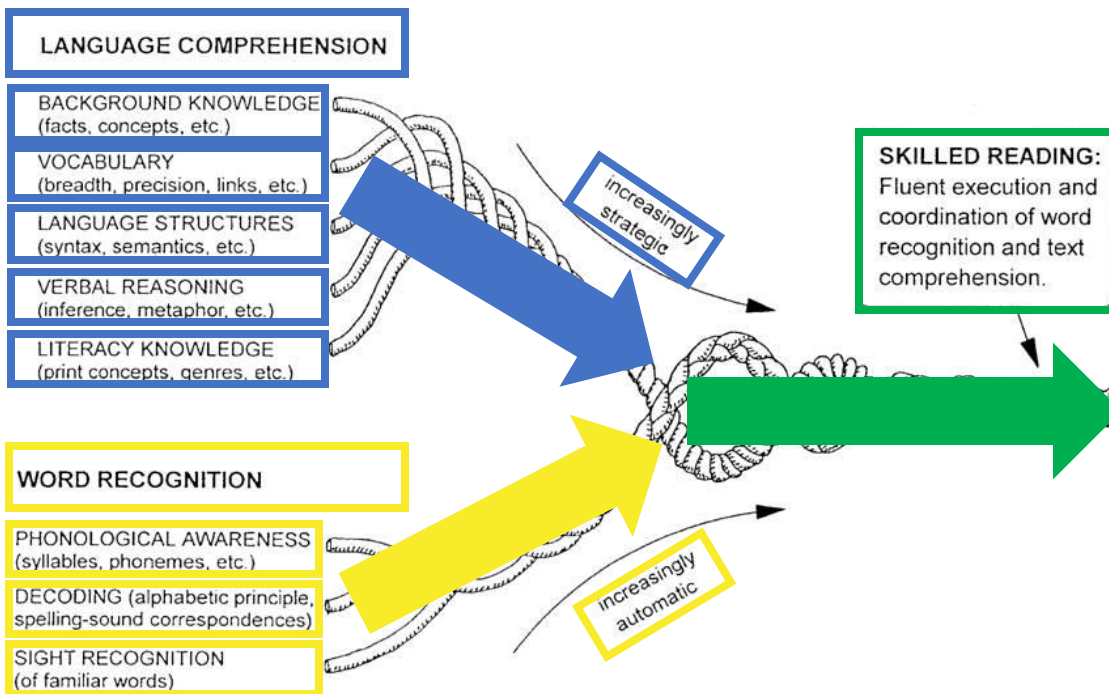
When individuals are skilled readers, they automatically recognize words, but, this is not how early readers process words

Reading Comprehension requires both adequate word reading and linguistic or language comprehension

Simple View of Reading



THE MANY STRANDS THAT ARE WOVEN INTO SKILLED READING



Simple View of Reading has been empirically validated with multiple groups of students

English language learners (e.g., Geva & Farnia, 2012; Gottardo & Mueller, 2009; Grimm & Solari, 2019; Leaux et al., 2007; Mancilla-Martinez et al., 2011; Nakamoto et al., 2008; Proctor et al., 2005)

Children with early profiles of risk (e.g., Catts et al., 2006; Solari et al., 2018)

Children with disabilities

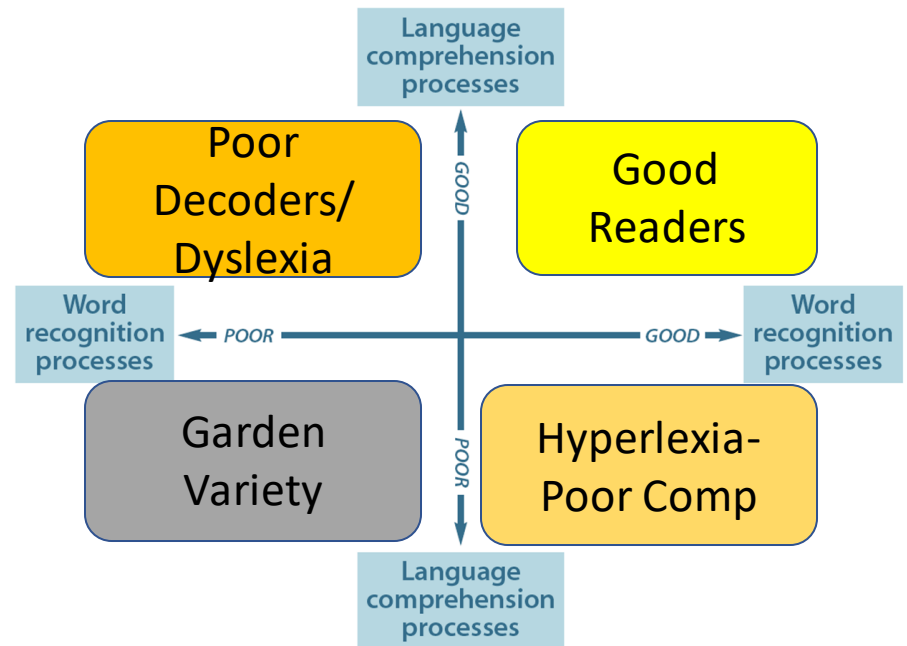
ASD (e.g., Henderson et al.; Lucas et al., 2014; McIntyre et al., 2018; Norbury et al., 2011; Ricketts et al., 2013; Solari et al., 2018)

ADHD (e.g., Cain & Bignell, 2014; Little et al., 2016; Martinussen & Mackenzie, 2015)

Profiles of Readers

12.5 million children struggle with some aspect of reading, nearly 20% of all school age children (NCES, 2016).

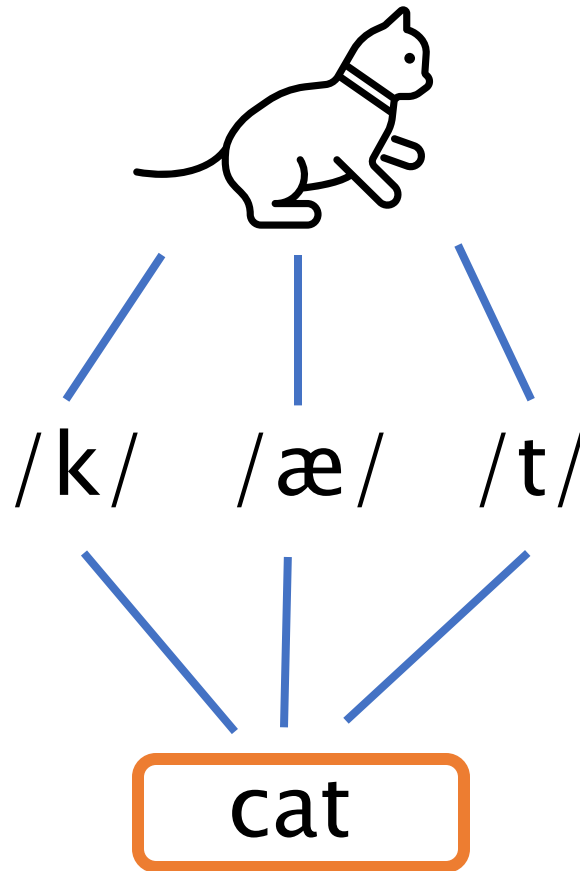
With regular instruction, children do not outgrow reading difficulties



Beginning Readers Need to be Taught to Read at the Sound level

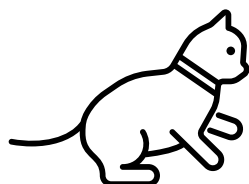
Orthographic mapping requires- phonemic awareness, letter-sound correspondence, alphabetic principle

The **cat** ran fast.



Orthographic Mapping vs. Whole Word Reading

The **cat** ran fast

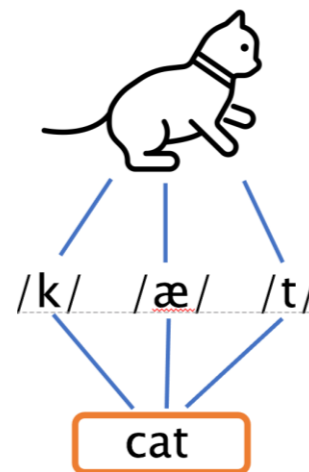


LOOK at the first letter and look at the picture and see what makes sense

TRY a word that you think may make sense

USE your background knowledge to think about a word that may make sense

SKIP the word and come back if you need to.



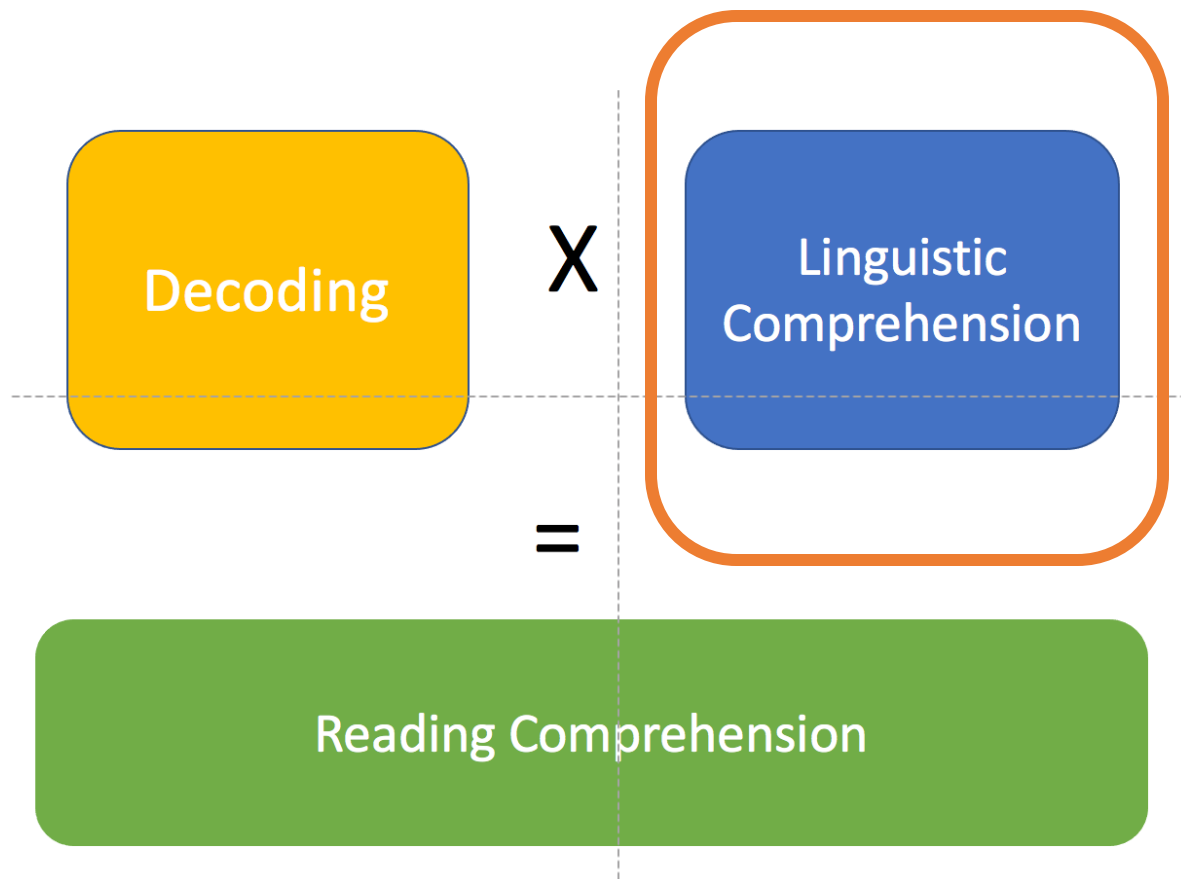
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ch chin	sh ship	th think	th the	ng sing	ear near	air stair	ure sure	er writer

Early Readers Should not be Taught how to read words by...

Guessing words

Skipping words

**Using the pictures to
determine the word**



Explicitly
teaching
linguistic
comprehension
and language is
also essential
for reading
comprehension

Building listening comprehension and vocabulary

High quality reading alouds

Asking both literal and inferential questions during read alouds

**Explicit teaching of vocabulary-
with multiple exposures to words**

Building background knowledge

**Engagement in rich texts starting
in pre-k**



Why Early
Reading
Instruction is
So Important

Importance of Early Reading & Literacy Development

A child who is a poor reader at the end of first grade has an almost 90% chance of remaining a poor reader at the end of Grade 4 and at least a 75% chance of being a poor reader as long as they are in school

(e.g. Francis et al., 1995; Juel, 1998)

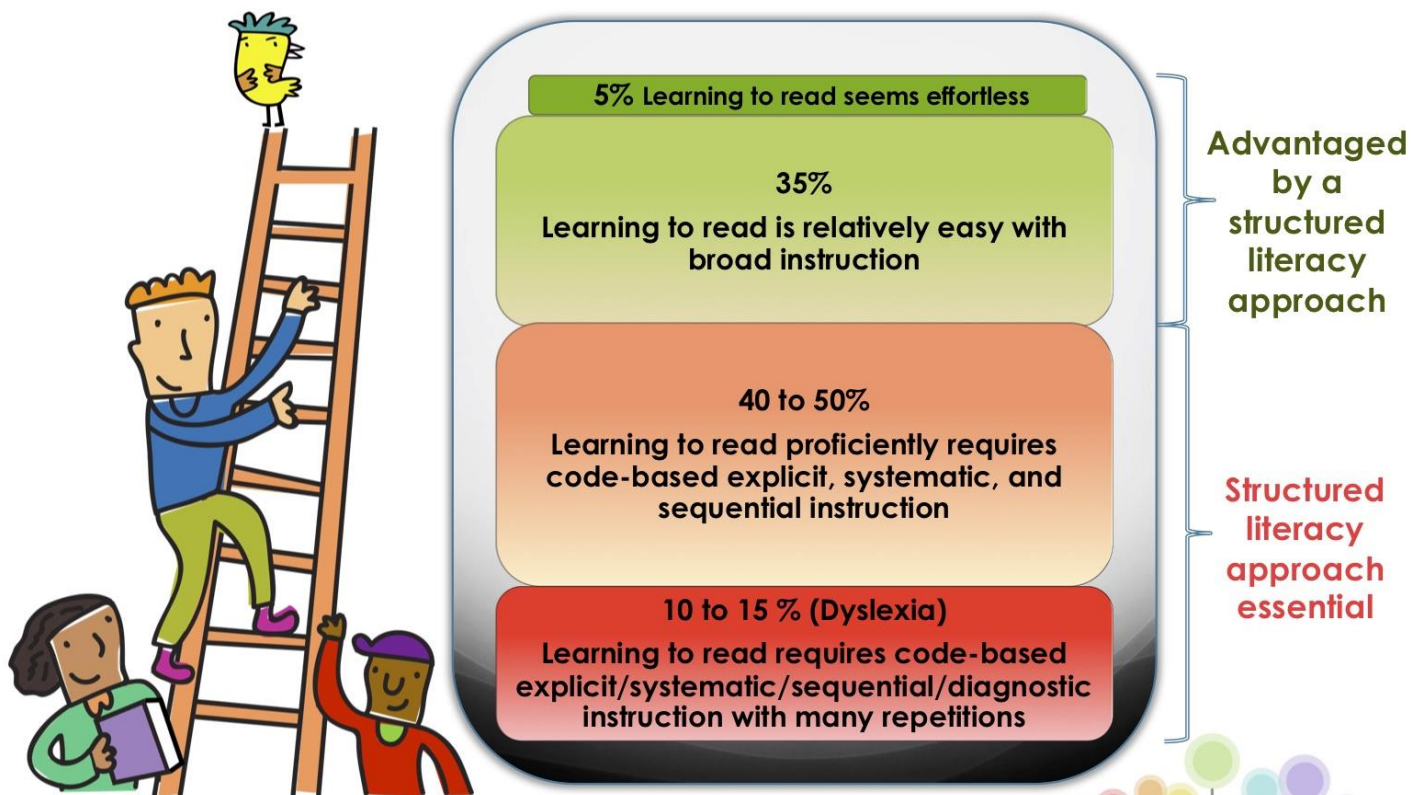
Early Screening and Intervention is Important

According to the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD), it takes 4 times as long to intervene in the 4th grade as it does to intervene in late kindergarten or first grade

Prevention studies in reading commonly show that 70- 90% of at-risk children (bottom 20%) in K- 2 can learn to decode in average range if they are instructed with evidence-based techniques (e.g., Fletcher, Lyon, et al., 2007)

EVIDENCE BASED CURRICULUM

The Ladder of Reading



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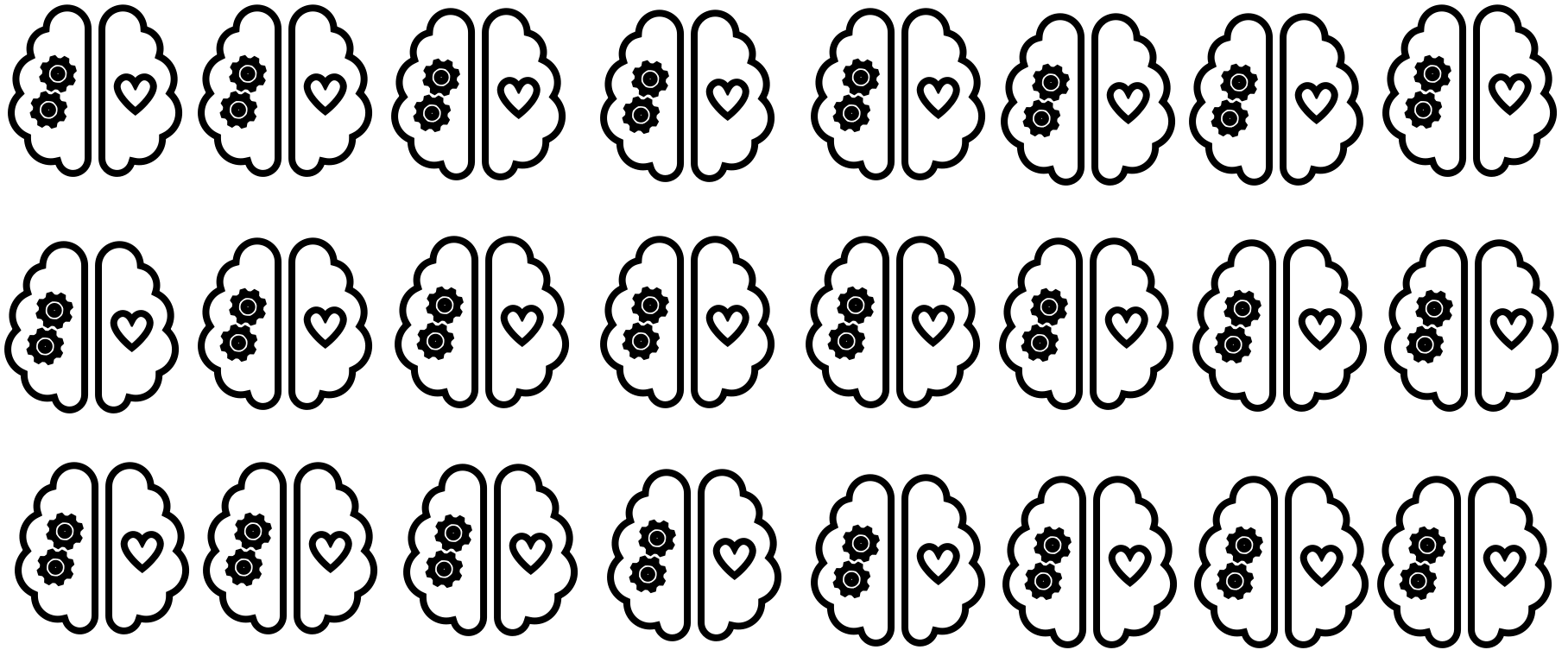
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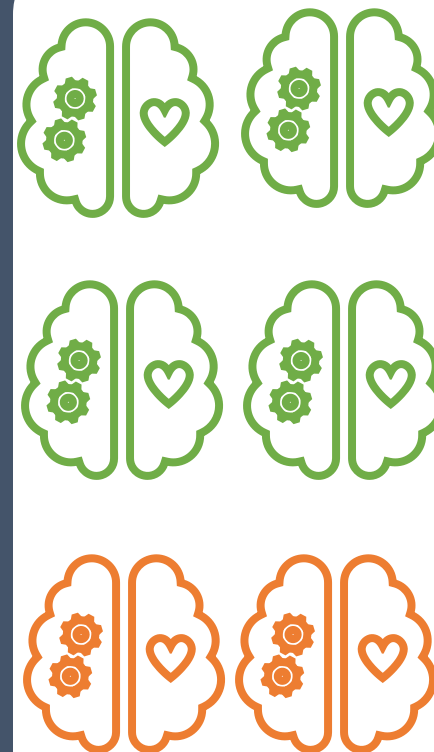
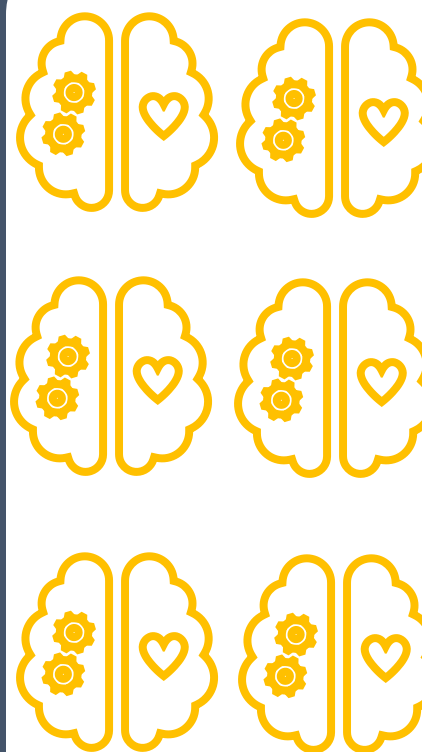
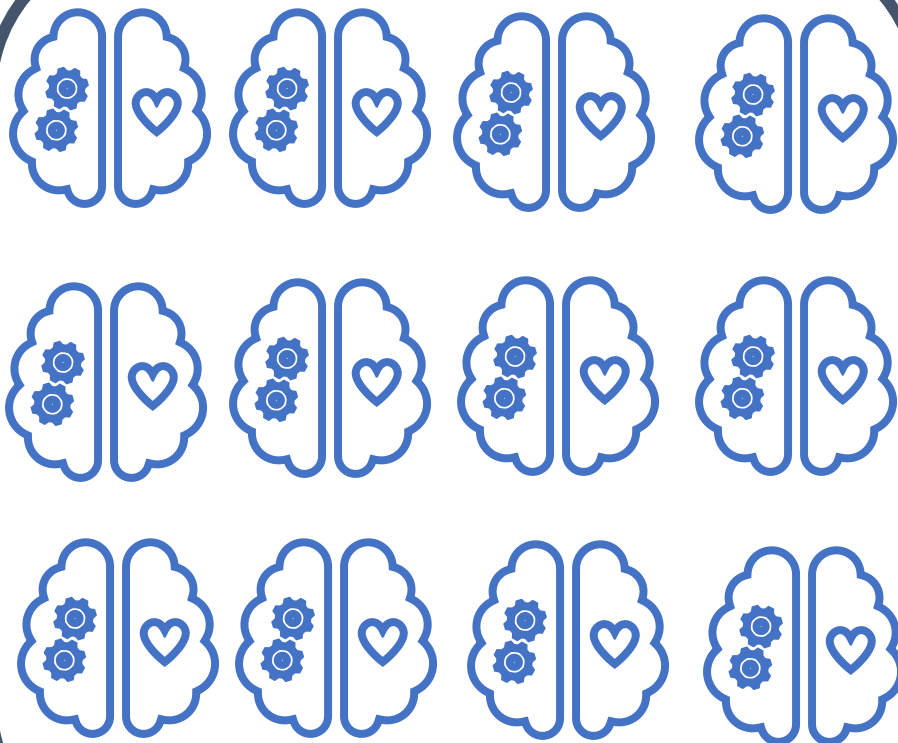
(Lyon, 1998; NRP, 2000; IDA, 2015; Hempenstall, 2016)

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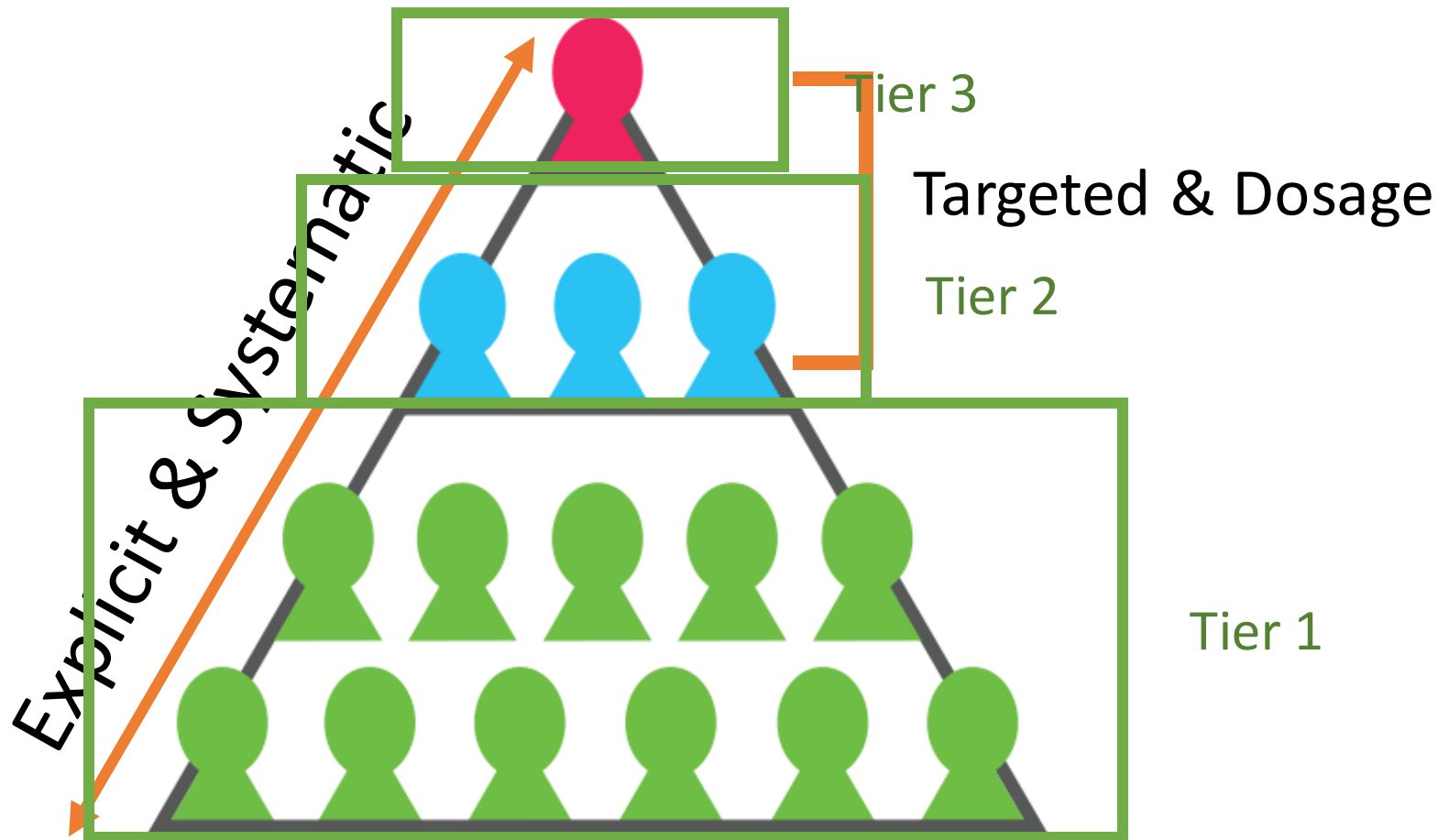






We know that in addition to high quality, evidence-based instruction, dosage is important

TIERED APPROACH TO SERVICES





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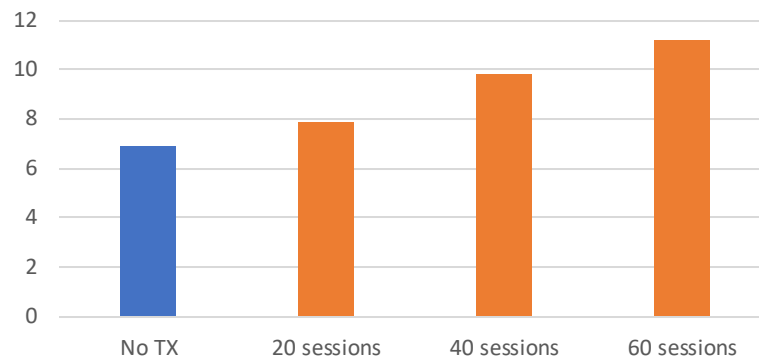
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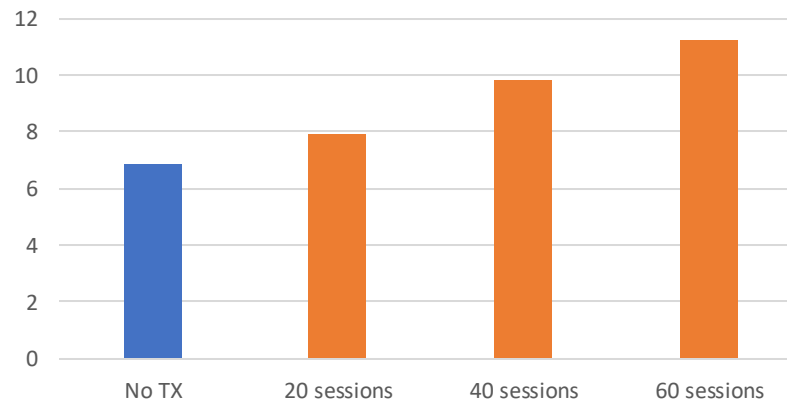
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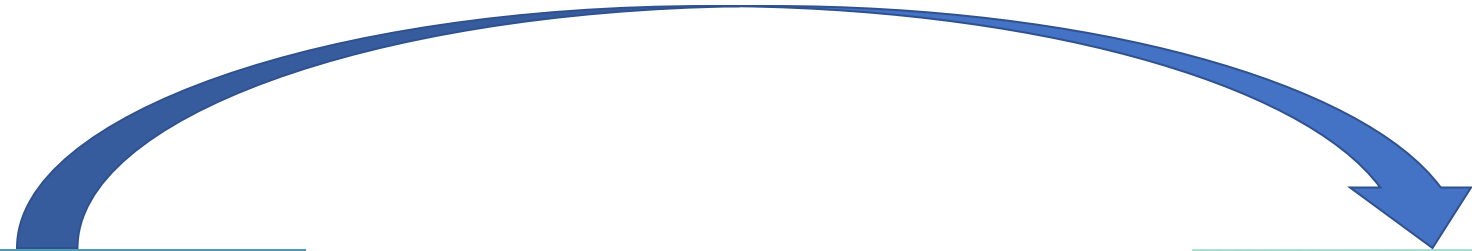
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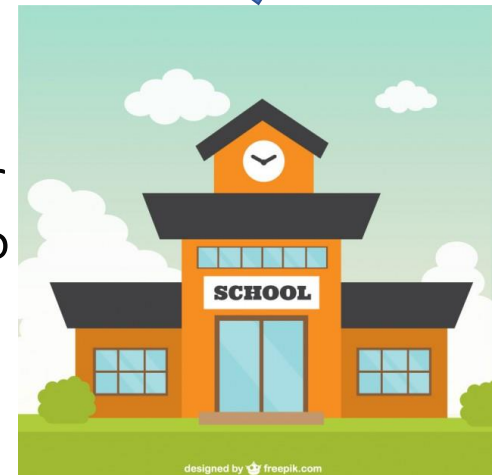
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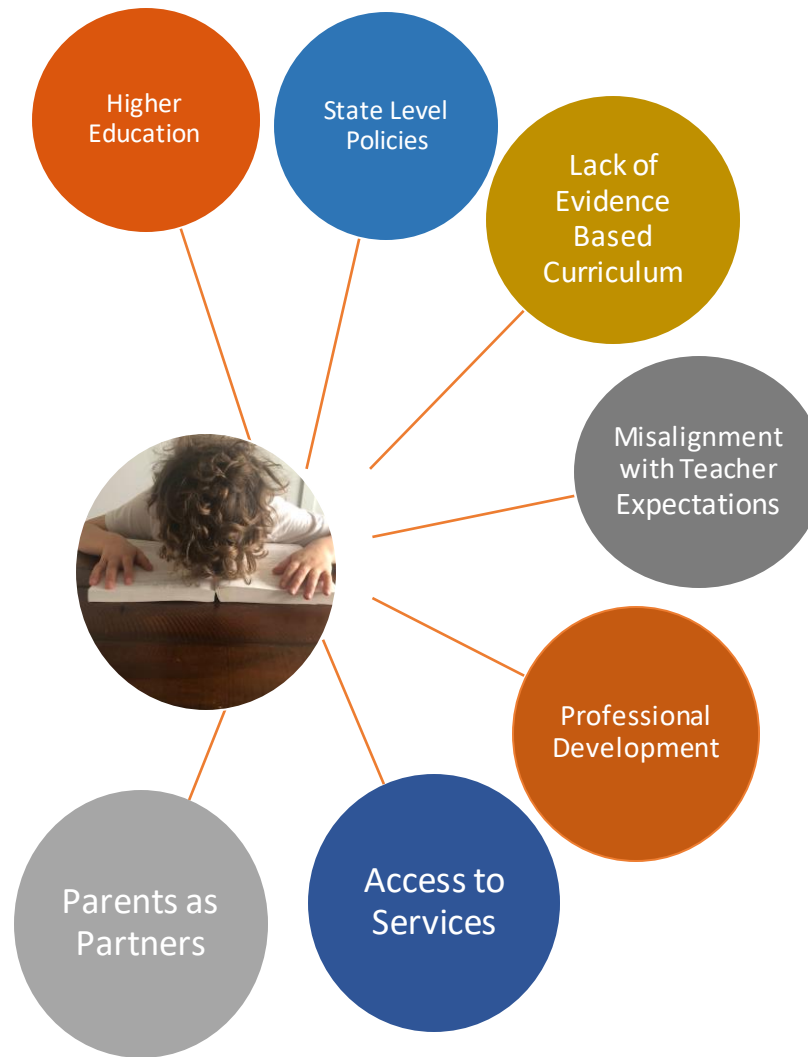


Bridging the Research to Practice Divide



So, why is the evidence not making it to the classroom for many kids across the country?







Take Away Thoughts

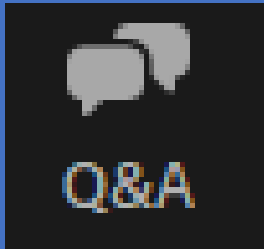
Reading comprehension requires both adequate word reading and language

A solid evidence base exists that informs how we should teach early word reading

This evidence base also informs how we should screen for reading difficulties

Early screening and instruction is essential

There are existing frameworks in VA that could and should be utilized to implement high quality early reading instruction



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question.



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Translating science into systems of prevention

The role of data screening



Today



The system and infrastructure of
screening in Virginia



Aligning screening to the
science of reading



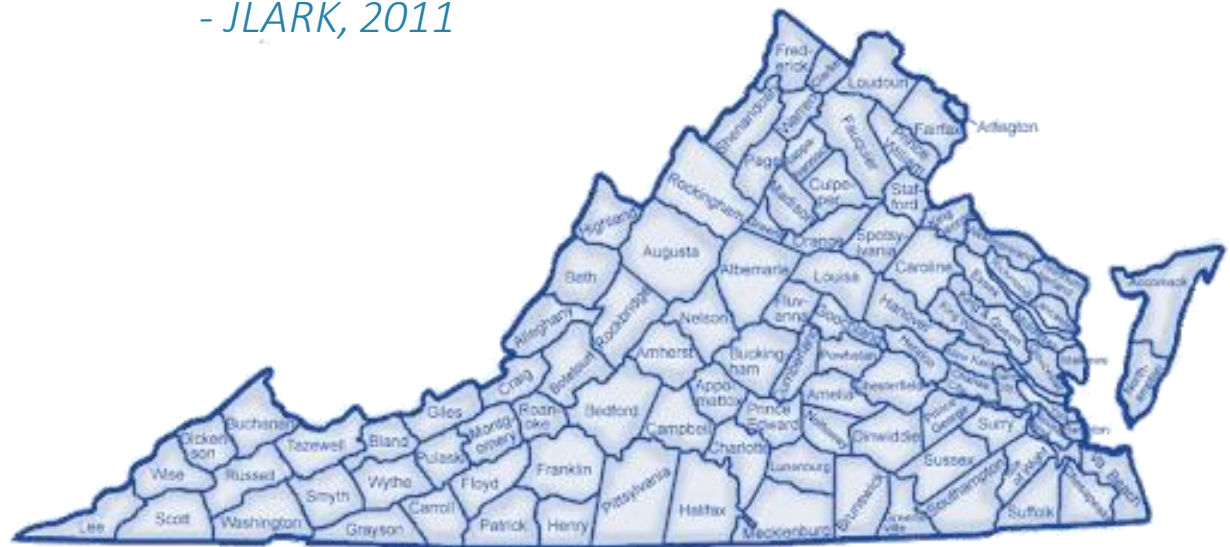
Strengthening systems of
assessment and prevention

State-wide screening for reading difficulties since 1997

- 131 Divisions and 1,100 Schools using the same screening tool in a standardized manner and timeframe
- 18,000 Educators PreK-3 connected to the same testing, professional learning and communication portal

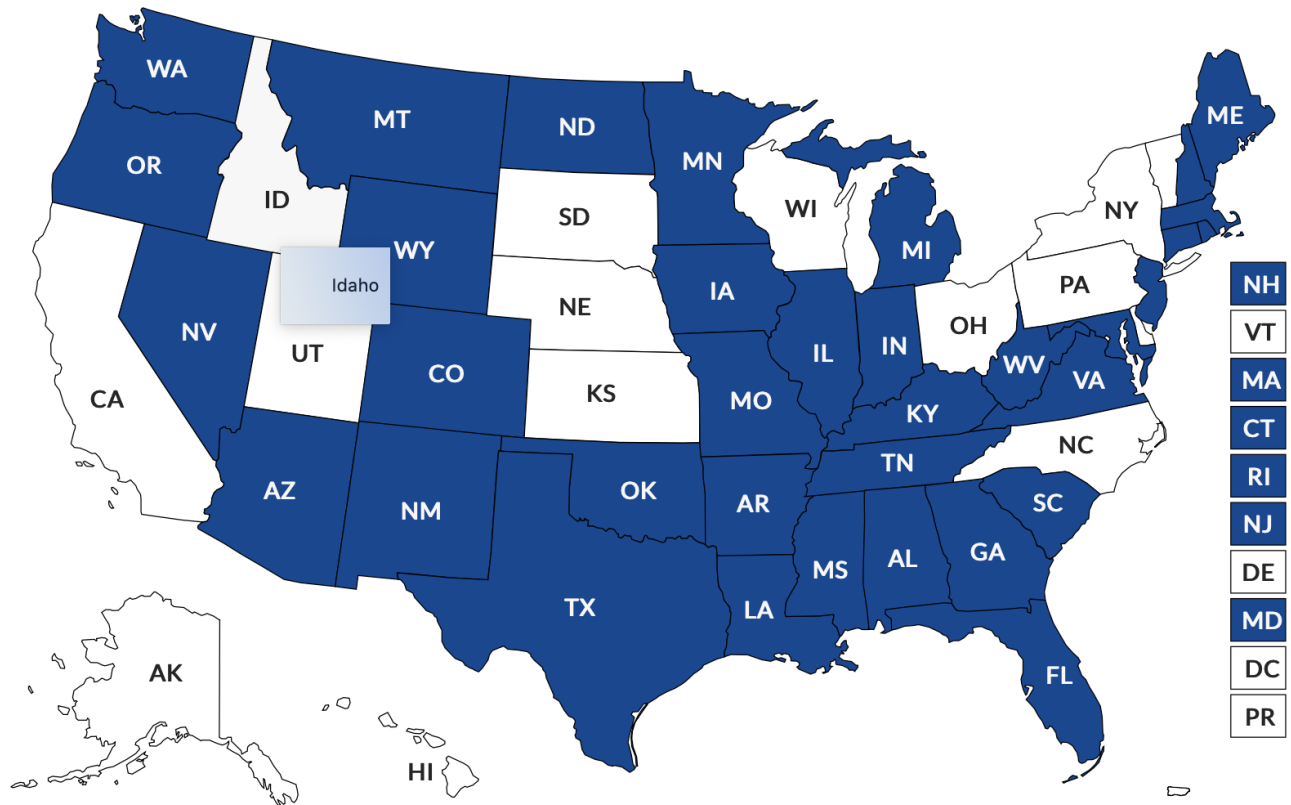
“What makes EIRI somewhat unique is its provision of a statewide, universal instrument for assessing early reading and an at or near 100 percent participation rate by Virginia school divisions.”

- JLARK, 2011



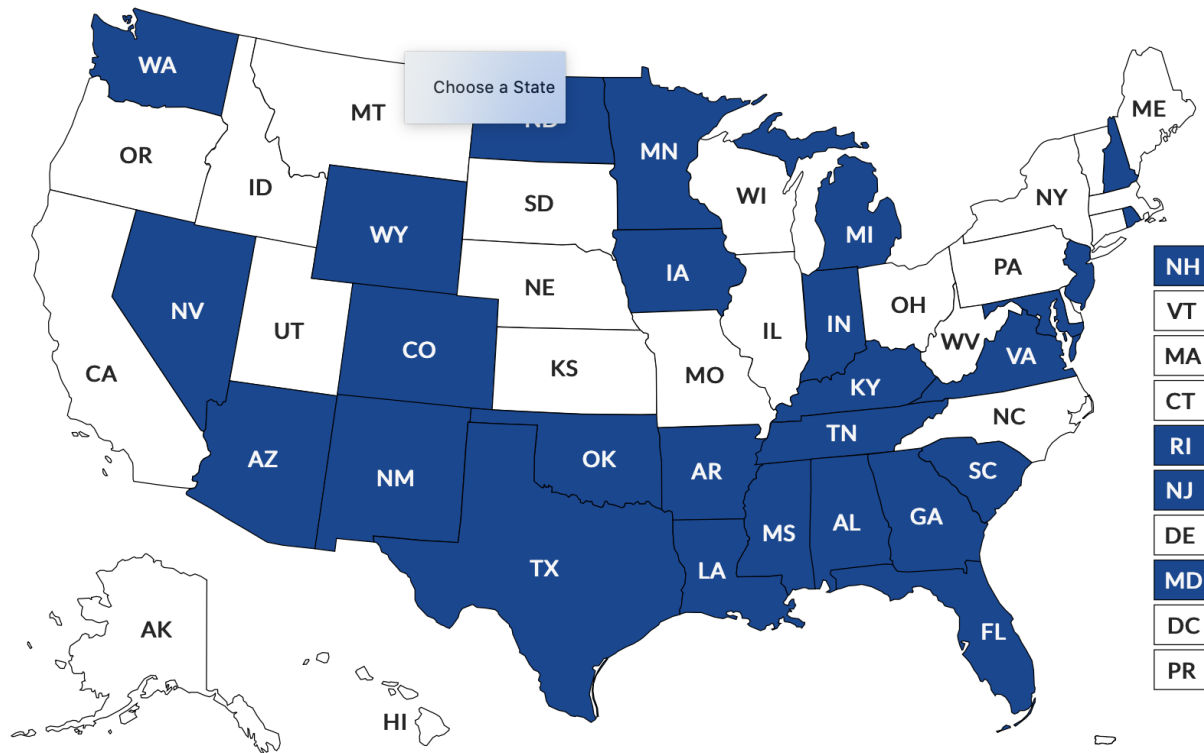
Universal screening is mandated by law in most states

Less than one third of states with universal screening laws require consistent data across schools and school districts.



Fewer states mandate an intervention response

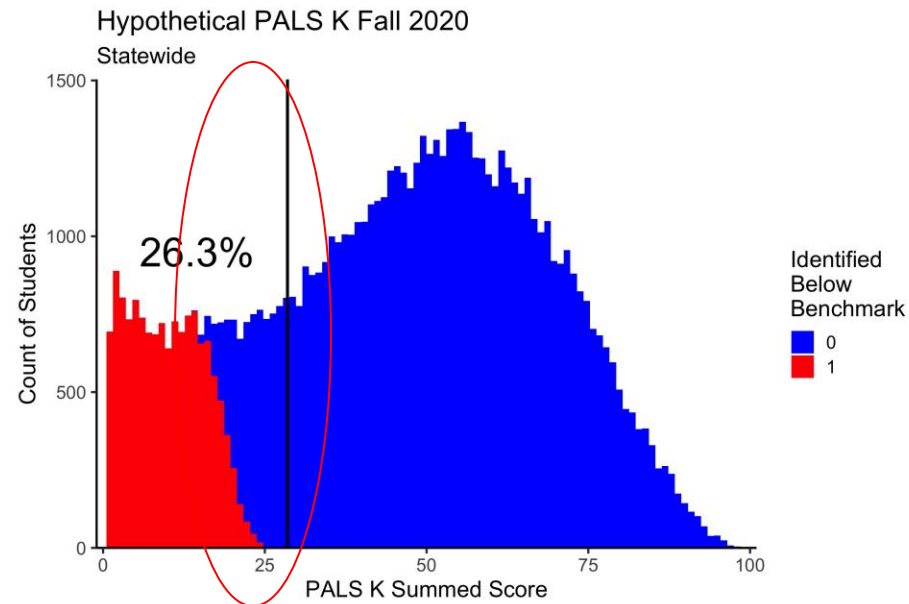
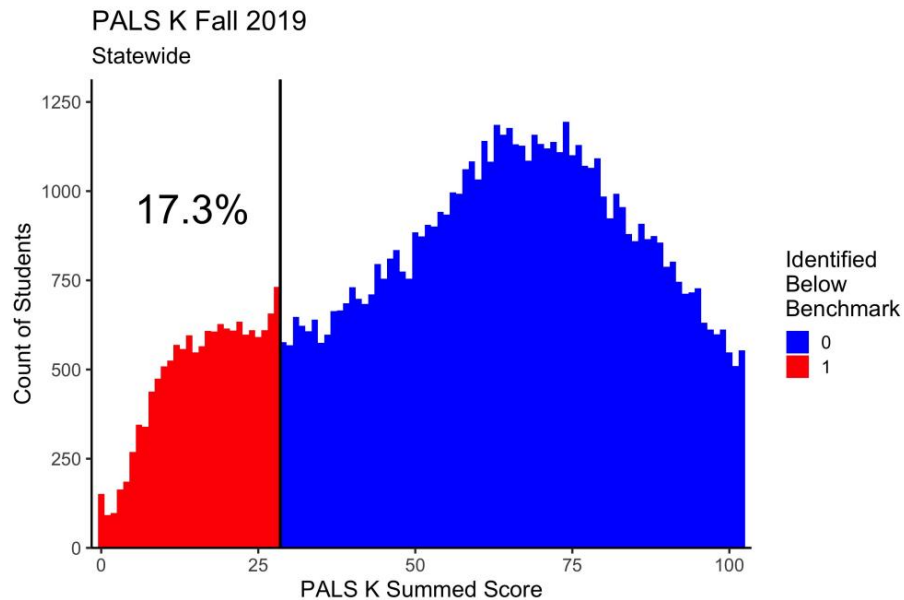
Most states did not establish screening and intervention laws before 2010.



With the longevity of the screening in Virginia, educators are keeping it a priority during the pandemic

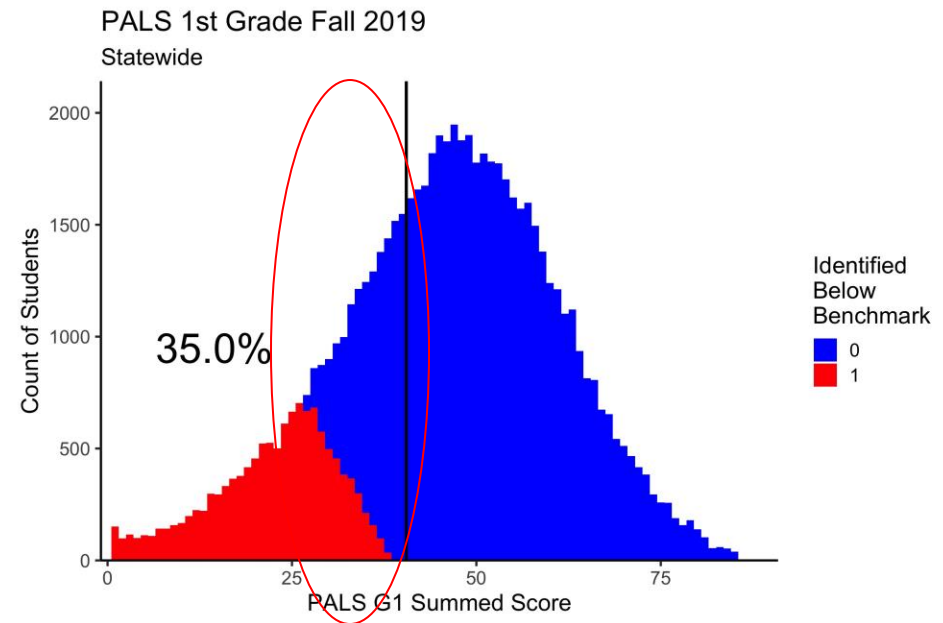
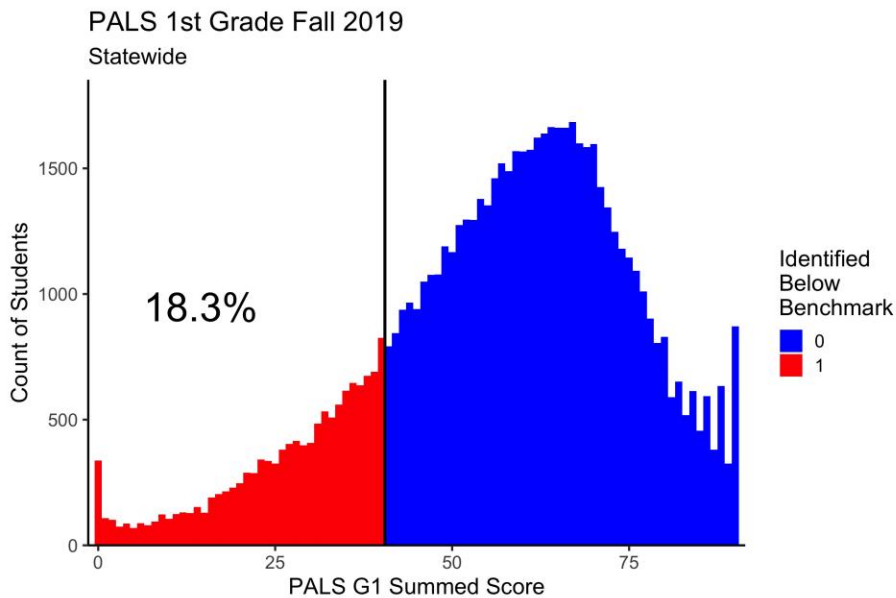
- Over 130,000 assessments have been conducted this year with the majority in the past month
- Over 7,000 educators (school/teacher/division) have accessed newly created professional learning resources since September
- The UVA PALS office is fielding over 500 calls/emails/chats per week in support of screening and data-use

Children's instructional needs must be visible before we can adequately address the impact of COVID



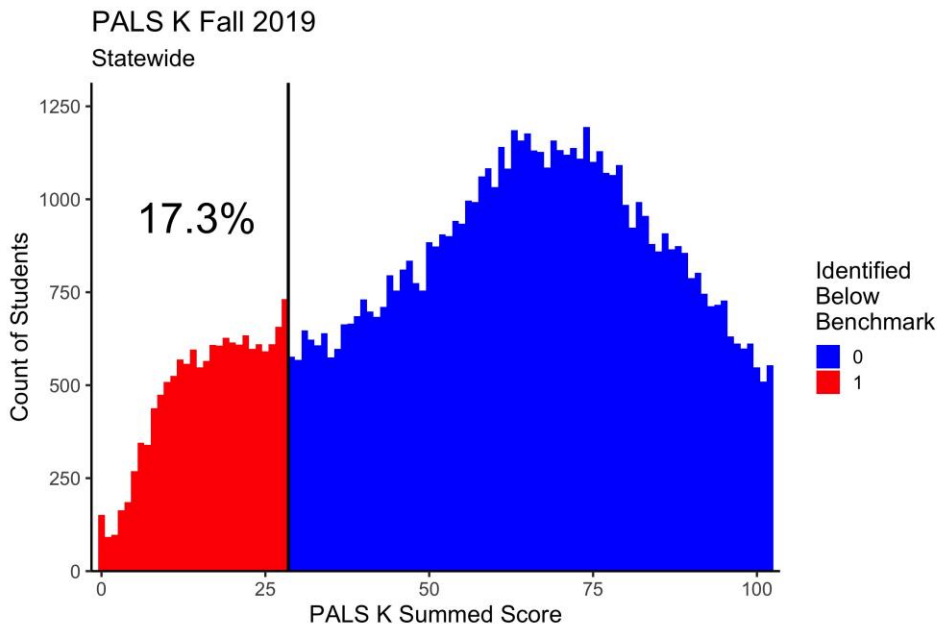
The prediction is approximately 7,200 more students could be significantly at-risk for reading difficulties under PALS.

Children's instructional needs must be visible before we can adequately address the impact of COVID



The prediction is approximately 11,600 more students could be significantly at-risk for reading difficulties under PALS.

Effective screening and intervention is an issue of equity



Of the 13,924 kindergarteners below the PALS benchmark in 2019:

- 24% are English language learners
- 54% are economically disadvantaged
- 30% are Black or Hispanic

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The Science of Reading

“To prevent reading failure, educators must understand and act on scientific evidence.”
— Lyon, 2004

- How does oral and written language develop?
- What skills are necessary for reading success?
- Who is at risk for reading difficulties?
- What are the instructional practices that are most effective?
- For whom do specific practices work best?

What does research say about screening?

- Screening should be guided by underlying evidence about development
- Screening needs to balance ‘false negatives’ with ‘false positives’
- Screening is most important in the early grades, as early as preschool through
- Screening must be linked to effective intervention and instruction

ORAL AND WRITTEN LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT

The basis for
understanding
risk in reading
development

Scarborough Model

The Many Strands that are Woven into Skilled Reading (Scarborough 2001)

LANGUAGE COMPREHENSION

BACKGROUND KNOWLEDGE
(facts, concepts etc)

VOCABULARY
(breadth, precision, links etc)

LANGUAGE STRUCTURES
(syntax, semantics etc)

VERBAL REASONING
(reference, metaphor etc)

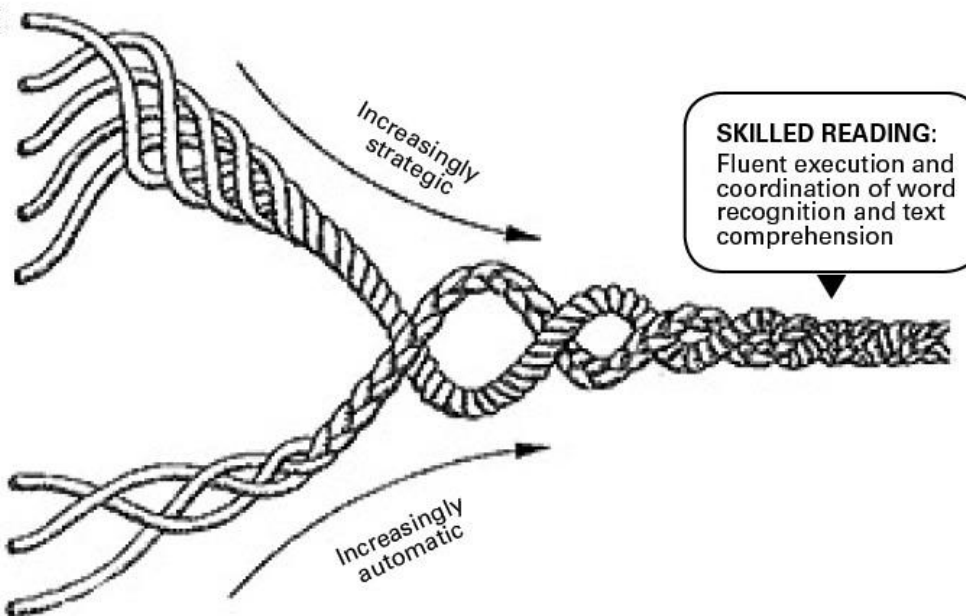
LITERACY KNOWLEDGE
(print concepts, genres etc)

WORD RECOGNITION

PHONOLOGICAL AWARENESS
(syllables, phonemes etc)

DECODING (alphabetic principle
spelling-sound correspondence)

SIGHT RECOGNITION
(of familiar words)



Oral and written language development have a common purpose

The earliest roots of reading success begin with the broad foundation of oral and written language developments that begin in infancy, emerge more distinctly in preschool (3- and 4-year old) and crystalize more formally as pieces of reading development in the early school ages.



But mastery of oral and written language are different cognitive processes

“The idea that learning to read is just like learning to speak is accepted by no responsible linguist, psychologist, or cognitive scientist in the research community.”

-Stanovich, 1994

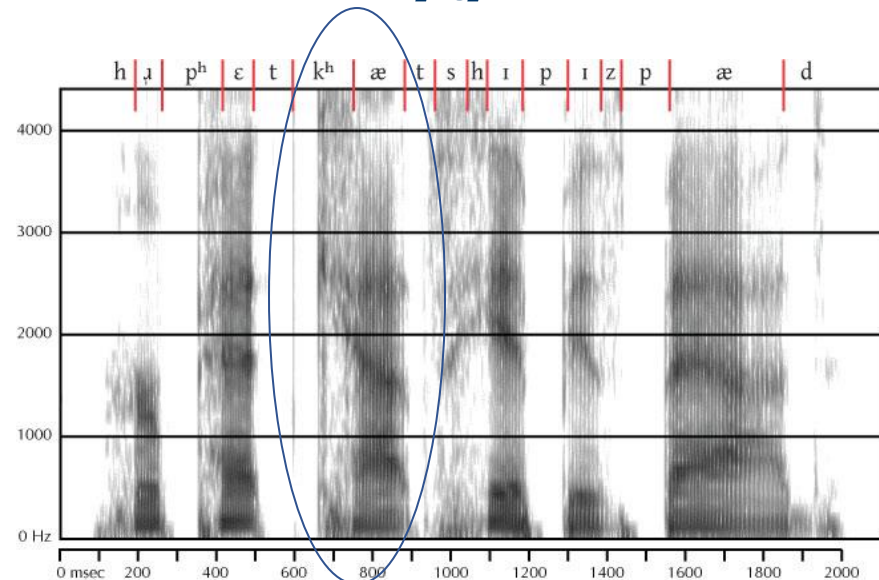
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C = /c/

A = /a/

T = /t/



Ashawire, Redford

Take Away:

Screening must recognize

- ✓ The roots of reading success begins early with oral language
- ✓ Specific developments that will most reliably signal progress towards reading success will evolve across time as a result of oral and written language development

Who is at Risk?

Balancing False
Negatives and
False Positives

Screening works within the uncertainty of prediction

“What we are faced with in screening is developing methods that will hit a moving target. That is, children continue to develop on the very skills we use as screens, but our methods rarely take this development into account.”

- Speece, 2005, p. 488



Who is at risk?

The screener detects children who need support for preventing reading failure

The screener does not require extra resources are used for children who didn't need it

True Positive

True Negative

False Positive

False Negative

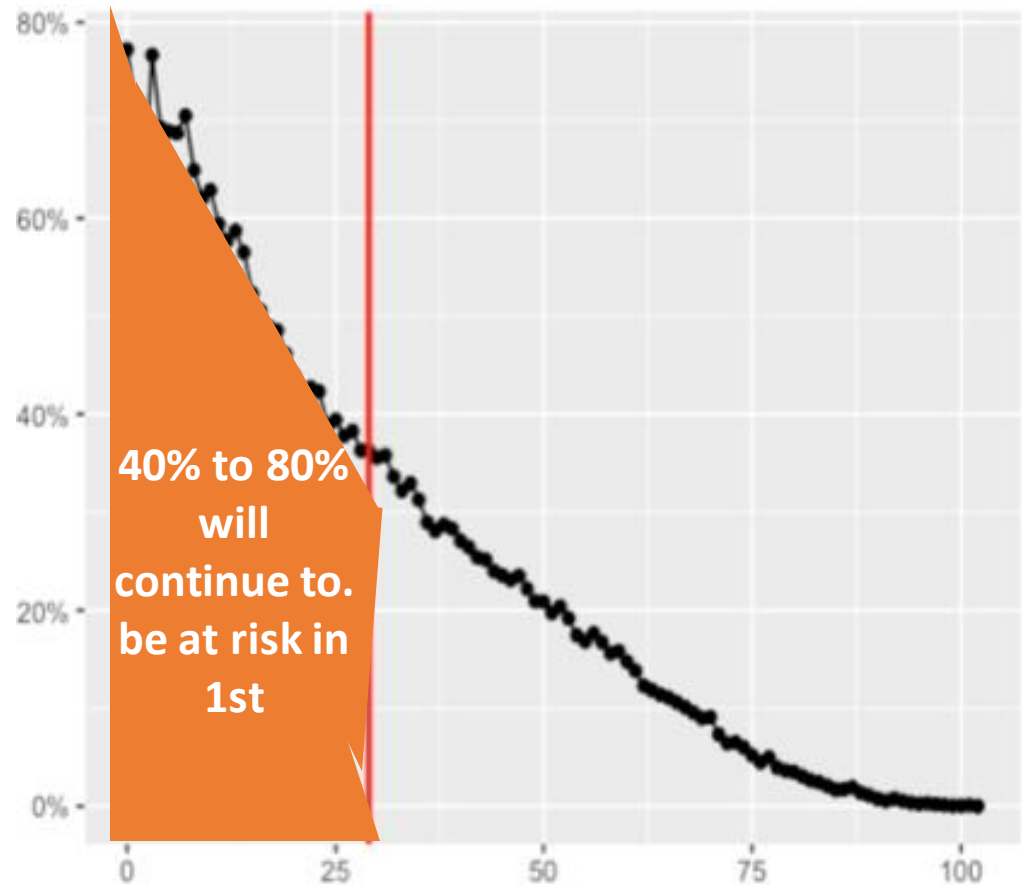
The screener provides resources to those who do not need it.

The screener misses the critical window of early intervention for children who need the help.

The challenge with determining risk:

Relating PALS Kindergarten to the PALS benchmark in 1st Grade

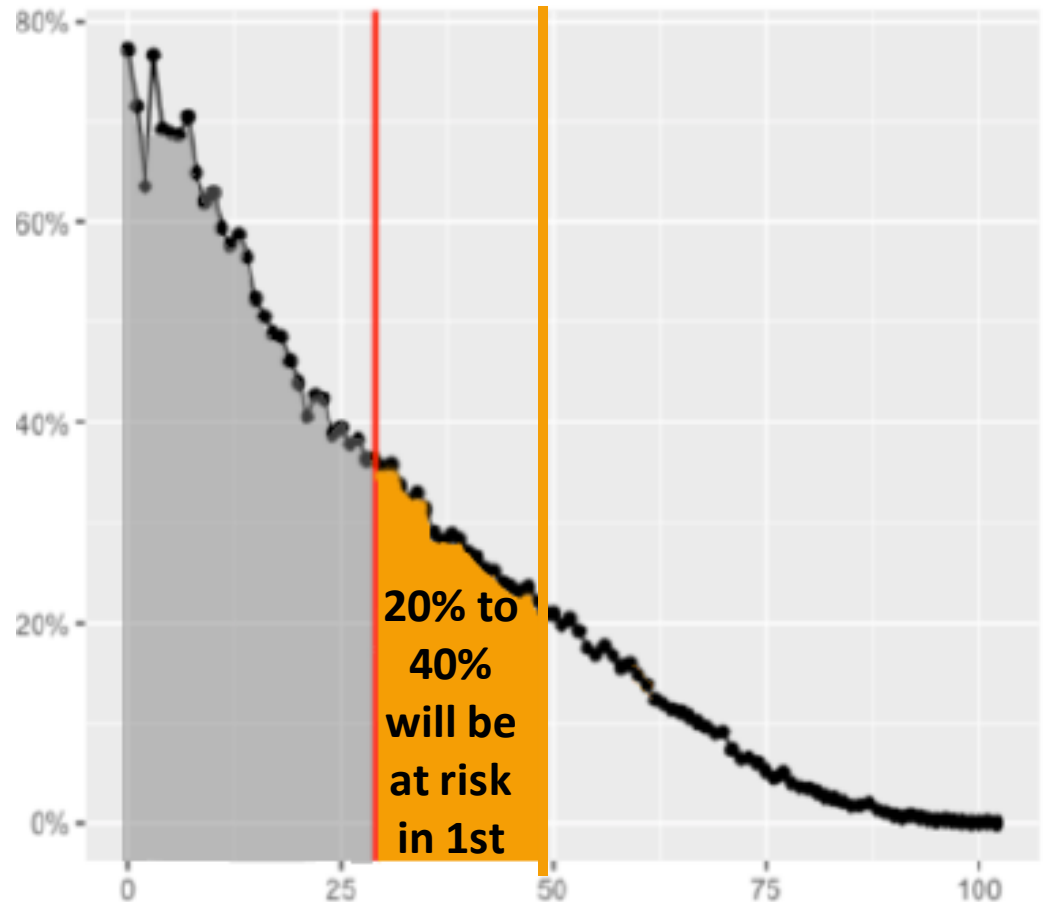
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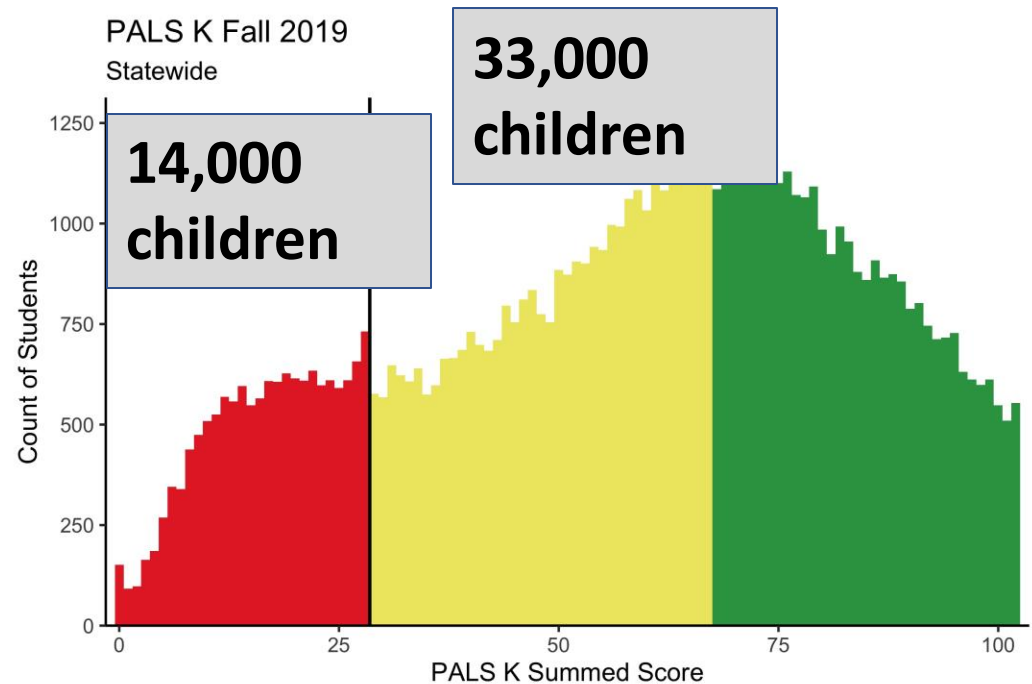
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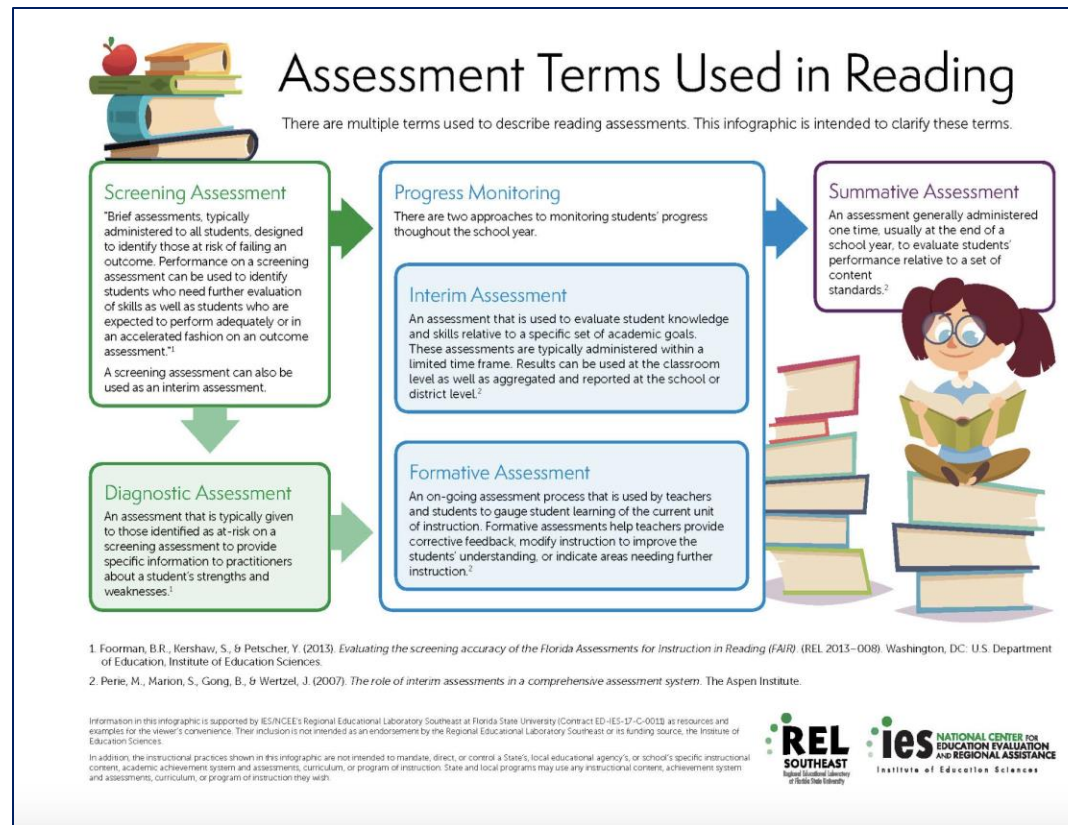
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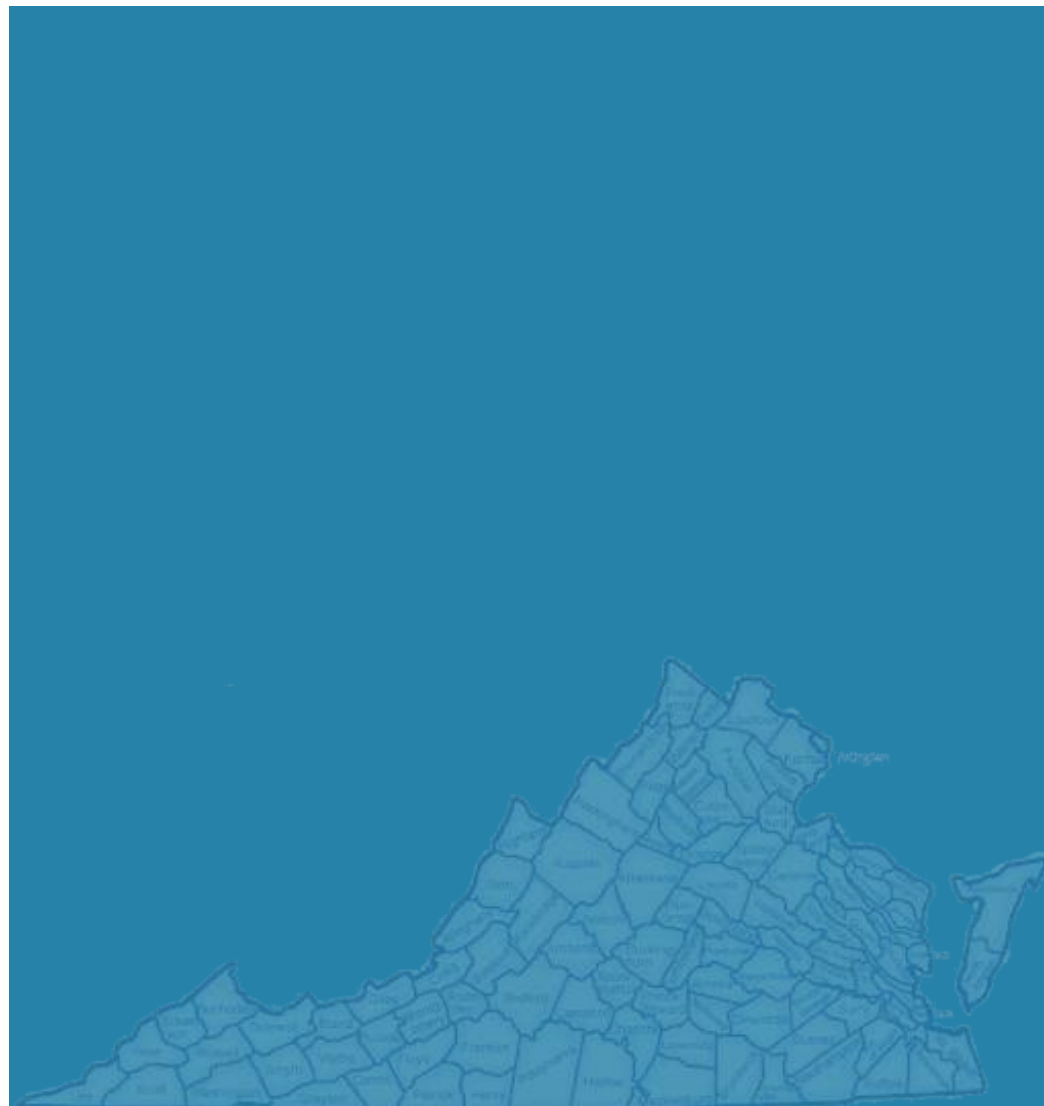
Screening can be embedded as piece of a broader prevention-oriented landscape



Take Away: Screening is imperfect

- ✓ Interpreting screening results must recognize that risk exists on a continuum; with this, support is also offered on a continuum.
- ✓ Screening is improved when it is part of a broader approach across time.

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Screening across time creates a continuity of data and support



In VA, investment in data collection already occurs across time



PALS Required Assessment

- ✓ PreK Fall and Spring (VPI and Mixed Delivery)
- ✓ K Fall and Spring
- ✓ 1st Grade spring
- ✓ 2nd Grade spring (if you don't test out)
- ✓ 3rd Grade spring (if you don't test out)

However, in VA, information across time isn't continuous

- Only approximately 24,000 children have data across preschool and kindergarten
- Growth cannot be measured from preschool to kindergarten
- Growth cannot be measured from kindergarten to first grade
- Average and expected growth trajectories across first through third grade cannot be measured

The value of understanding progress across time

3- and 4-year-olds

Growing knowledge of
print and alphabet
knowledge

Phonological awareness

Vocabulary and language

Kindergarten

Print and Alphabet
Knowledge

Phonological Awareness

Rapid Automated Naming

Decoding and Encoding

Vocabulary and language

First Grade-Third Grade

Phonological Awareness

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Oral Reading Fluency

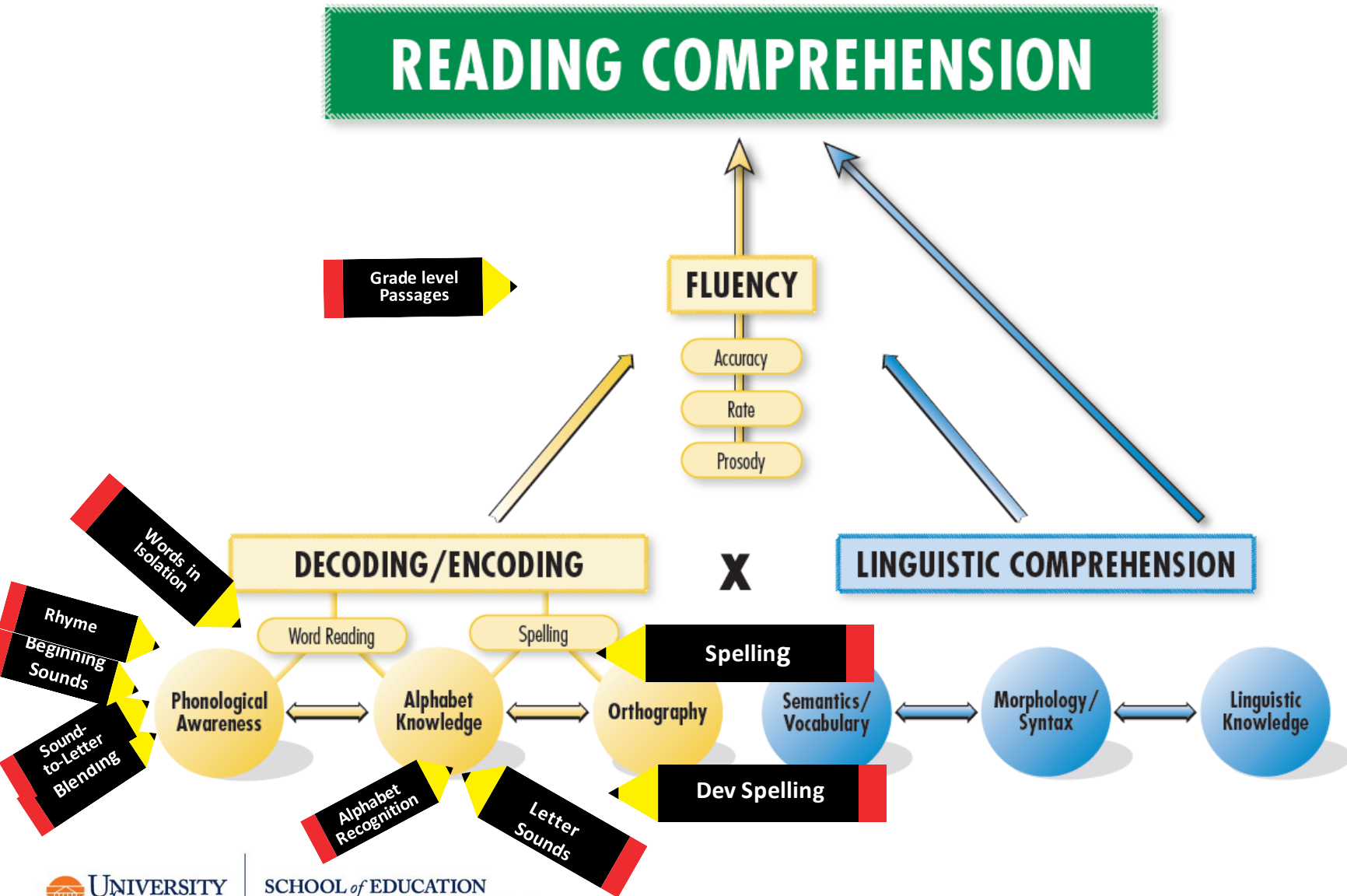
Vocabulary and Language

Key Functions of a Screener



- ✓ Provide a brief assessment of key skills to understand who needs extra support
- ✓ Provide actionable data to guide instructional interventions

PALS Currently Measures...



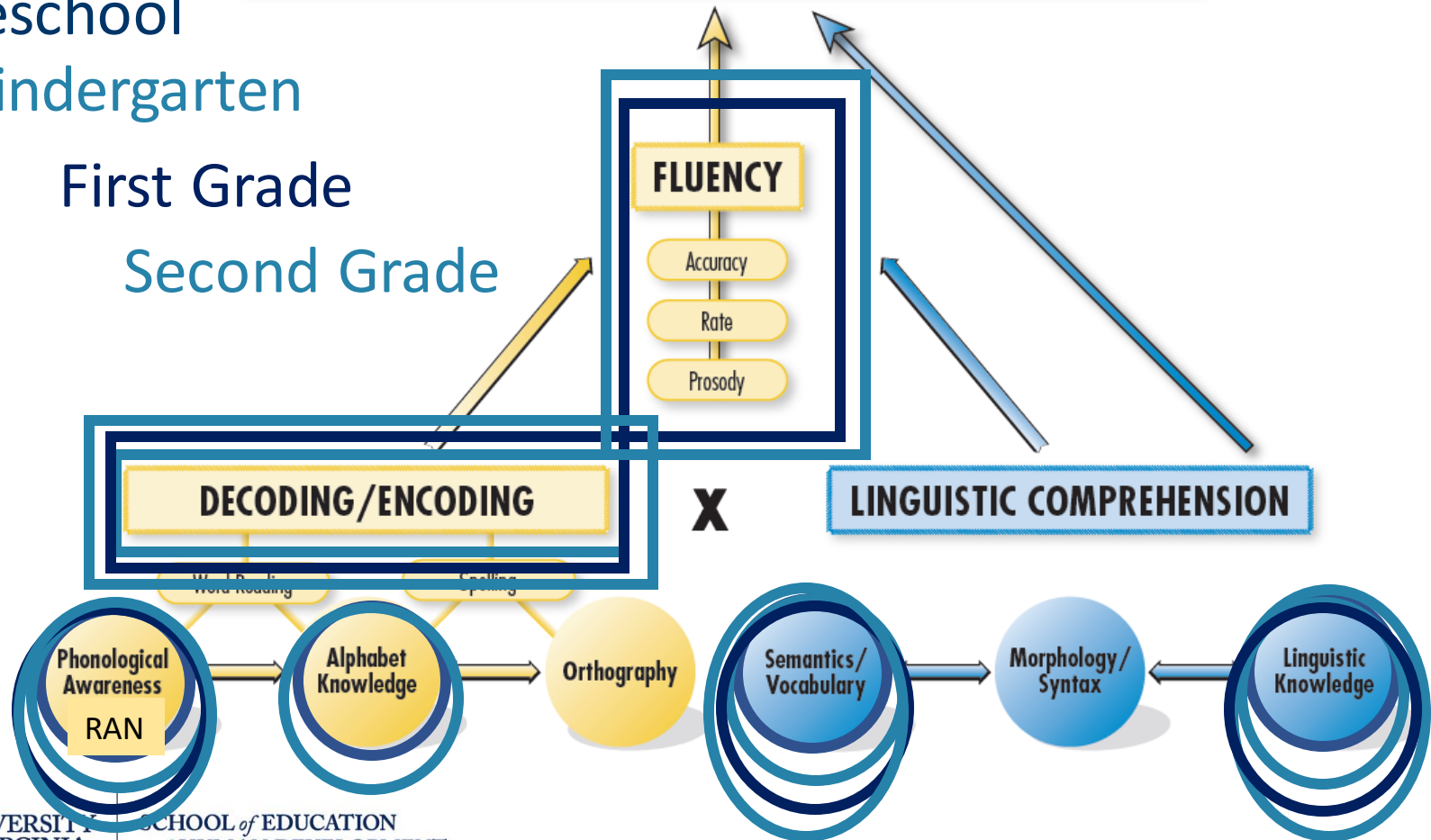
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Preschool
Kindergarten

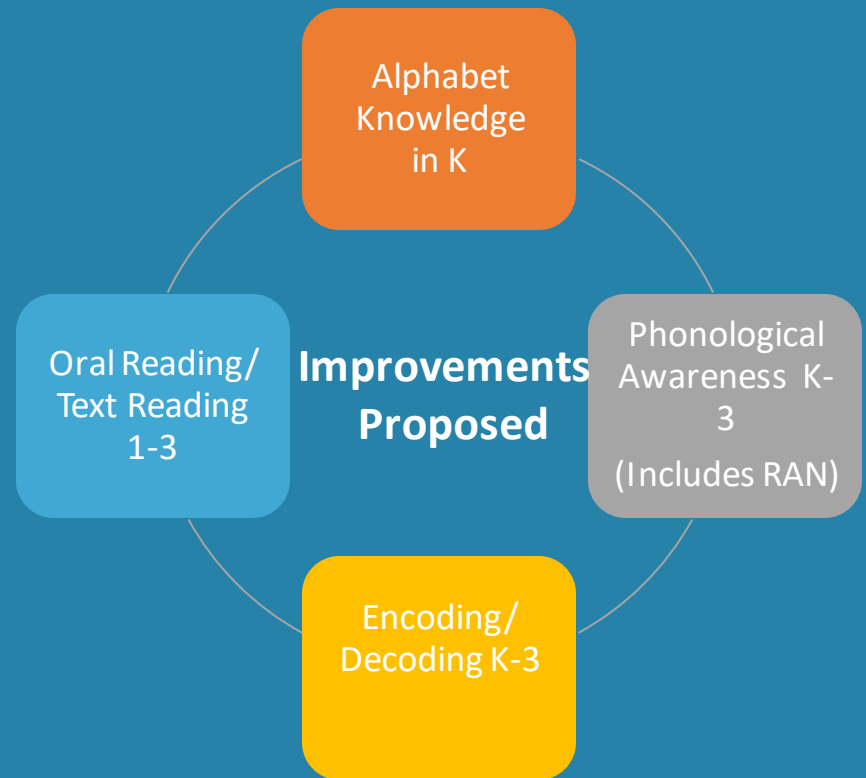
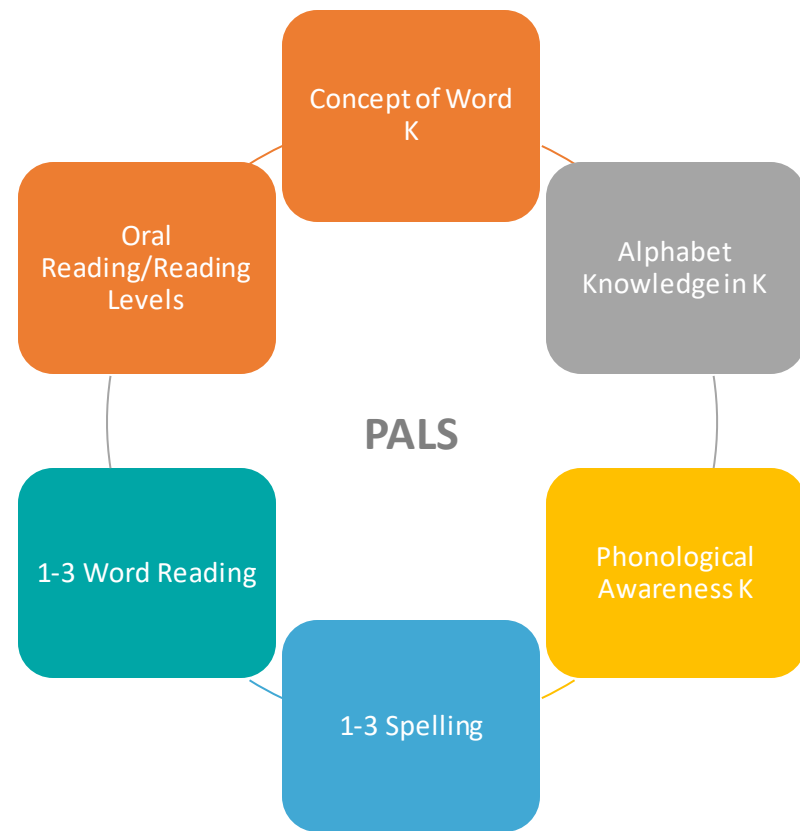
First Grade

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READING COMPREHENSION



Screening for Decoding



Improvements Proposed

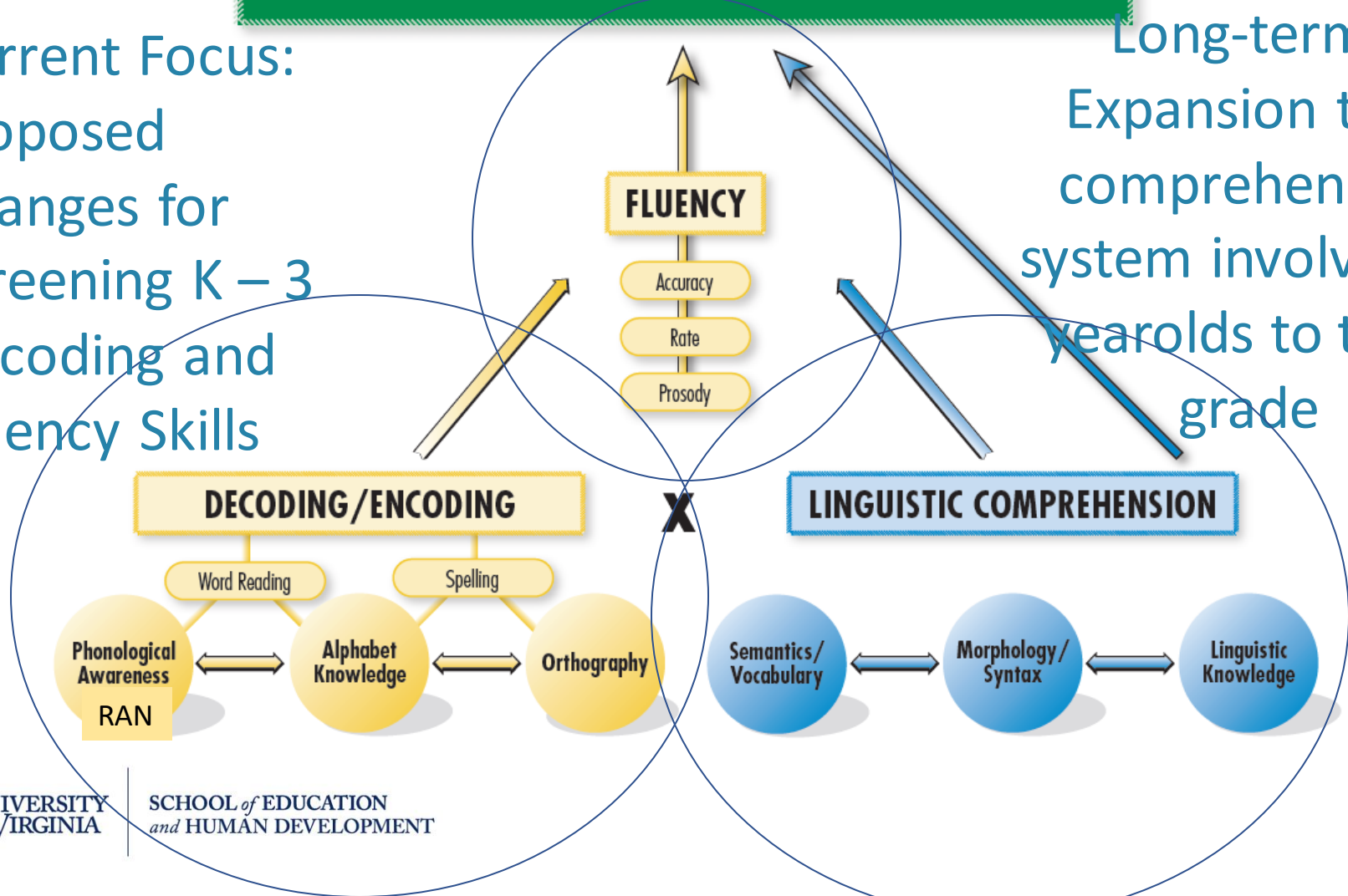
- Enhanced emphasis on Phonological Awareness, Decoding, and Fluency
- Rapid Automatized Naming
- Items and tasks designed for vertical alignment K-3
- Item difficulty and final item selection will be guided by Item Response Theory

Building towards complete data

READING COMPREHENSION

Current Focus:
Proposed
Changes for
Screening K – 3
Decoding and
Fluency Skills

Long-term:
Expansion to a
comprehensive
system involves 3-
year-olds to third
grade

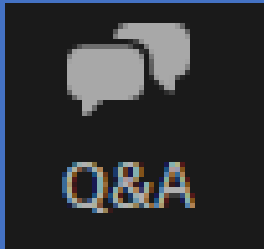


How to strengthen the connection between science and system?

- Do teachers have the right information to prompt action?
- Are classroom instruction and intervention working together and aligned to evidence-based instruction?
- Are there efficiencies or improvements to effectiveness to EIRI intervention that can support more children?

Thank-you!

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The Science of Reading in Practice



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Closing Remarks

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GREETINGS FROM Dr. James Lane VIRGINIA SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

UVA Early Literacy Summit
October 20, 2020



**WE ARE HERE TO MAXIMIZE EVERY STUDENT'S POTENTIAL
THROUGH DEEPER LEARNING.**



BUT OUR APPROACH THIS YEAR HAS CHANGED.

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STUDENT & SCHOOL SUPPORT

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Facility Construction &

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- Public Records

School Reopening

Governor Ralph Northam announced a phased reopening of public schools on June 8, 2020 and the state's reopening plan prioritizes the health and safety of students and staff. In order to address the current health crisis while prioritizing the health and safety of students and staff, it is most important that schools building classrooms, and for whom in-person instruction is most beneficial. It is critical that schools ensure that the reopening process is as safe and practical as possible.

The school reopening plan is aligned with the existing Forward Virginia phases, through which the state is working to address the economic and health challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic. Community safety and capacity, public health capacity to trace contacts of cases, and other relevant factors. Community safety and capacity, public health capacity to trace contacts of cases, and other relevant factors. Community safety and capacity, public health capacity to trace contacts of cases, and other relevant factors.

Virginia's guidance, which is aligned with the interim CDC guidance for schools, serves as a recommended best practice, and ensuring additional risk, in consultation with local health departments and school board officials. The [Phase Guidance for Virginia Schools](#) of plan was updated on July 6, 2020 as Virginia entered Phase 3 of the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

1. What is different about the July 6, 2020 updated Phase Guidance?

The Phase Guidance for Schools was updated on July 1, 2020 to reflect additional information:

- A large group gathering limit of 250 individuals;
- Continued limitations on school athletics (PHS, Phase 3 guidance is forthcoming); and
- Further clarifications about face coverings and physical distancing.

2. What is the health and instructional plan requirement?

Before entering Phase II or III, every school, in Virginia, public or private, is required to submit a [Health and Instructional Plan](#) (HIPS) to the Superintendent of Public Instruction. Additionally, public school divisions are required to submit their HIPS to the Superintendent of Public Instruction at the time of the school's reopening.

3. Where can someone find the health and instructional plan for a particular division?

Health plans are not required to be publicly posted, but the VSDE strongly recommends that all public school divisions submit their health and instructional plans for public viewing before submitting to the VSDE.

4. What is required of private schools?

For a [public health emergency order of the State Commissioner of Health](#) of plan, all private schools are required to submit their HIPS to the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

5. What is required of public divisions?

All public schools must submit both a health plan and an instructional plan.

Public school divisions are required to submit a plan for providing new instruction to all students who have not returned to school since the spring 2020 school closure. This should include the division's website before its submission to VSDE, and must be submitted 15 business days before the school's reopening. [Public school divisions can submit their health and instructional plans here.](#)

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Synchronous and Asynchronous Learning

Virtual teaching is an instructional practice that uses digital technology to strengthen a student's learning experience and improve educational outcomes. While virtual learning utilizes digital technology, it relies on teacher facilitation to help students apply their learning in meaningful ways. The teacher utilizes a learning management system (LMS) and a variety of digital tools and practices, including instructional content, rich-media, interactions (discussion boards, messaging, video communication, etc.), data and assessment systems, and feedback systems to monitor timely and rich data used to guide learning tailored to individual student needs.

Synchronous Learning

Virtual approaches toward learning afford learners both synchronous and asynchronous modalities.

Synchronous

In a synchronous approach, which more closely mimics direct instruction in the classroom, students experience learning activities at the same time. Examples of virtual synchronous learning might include a video conference for a morning meeting, a live science demonstration that all students watch together, or the use of tasks where content is presented by a teacher and students can interact during a lesson. The synchronous approach for a student puts the student into direct contact with a teacher and usually other peers. This approach is preferred for working with students who need the support of conversation, direct feedback, and in situations where students can work cooperatively and collaboratively.

Asynchronous

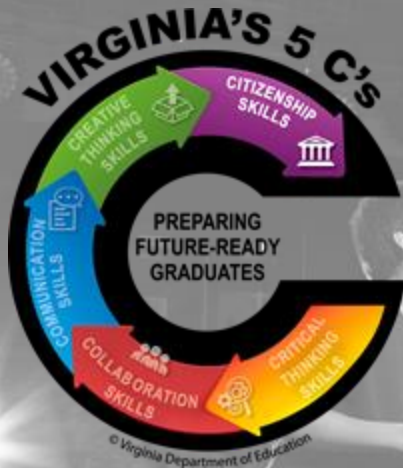
The asynchronous modality affords students time to work on their learning on their own schedule. The teacher has designed a sequence of activities for students to work independently, and therefore this work may not be completed in tandem with other students. Asynchronous learning is often completed outside of regular class time. Examples of asynchronous assignments might include reading, watching videos, taking assignments, completing projects, completing homework, or answering questions. Students may need extra support in how to structure their time to complete work within the parameters set by the teacher. Students may also be given options to make choices about how they prioritize their time, which can include practice in time management. Considerations for instructors include the student's age, maturity, and evidence of prior success in working on asynchronous assignments, as well as the types of support available at home.

Preparing Students for Success in Virtual Learning

As is true for all classrooms, virtual or in-person, student success begins with setting expectations and ensuring that students understand the expectations and are provided the tools needed for success. In virtual learning settings, it is important that teachers provide students with:

- expectations for success;
- training on meeting expectations;
- information regarding appropriate behaviors in virtual settings;
- information and training to promote digital citizenship and academic integrity;
- information on setting up the student home-learning environment;
- opportunities for students to share information regarding challenges (home environment, connectivity issues, limitations due to device sharing, etc.);
- training on navigating the learning management system (LMS), video conferencing applications, and other instructional tools; and

WHAT IS DEEPER LEARNING—AND IS IT EVEN POSSIBLE NOW?



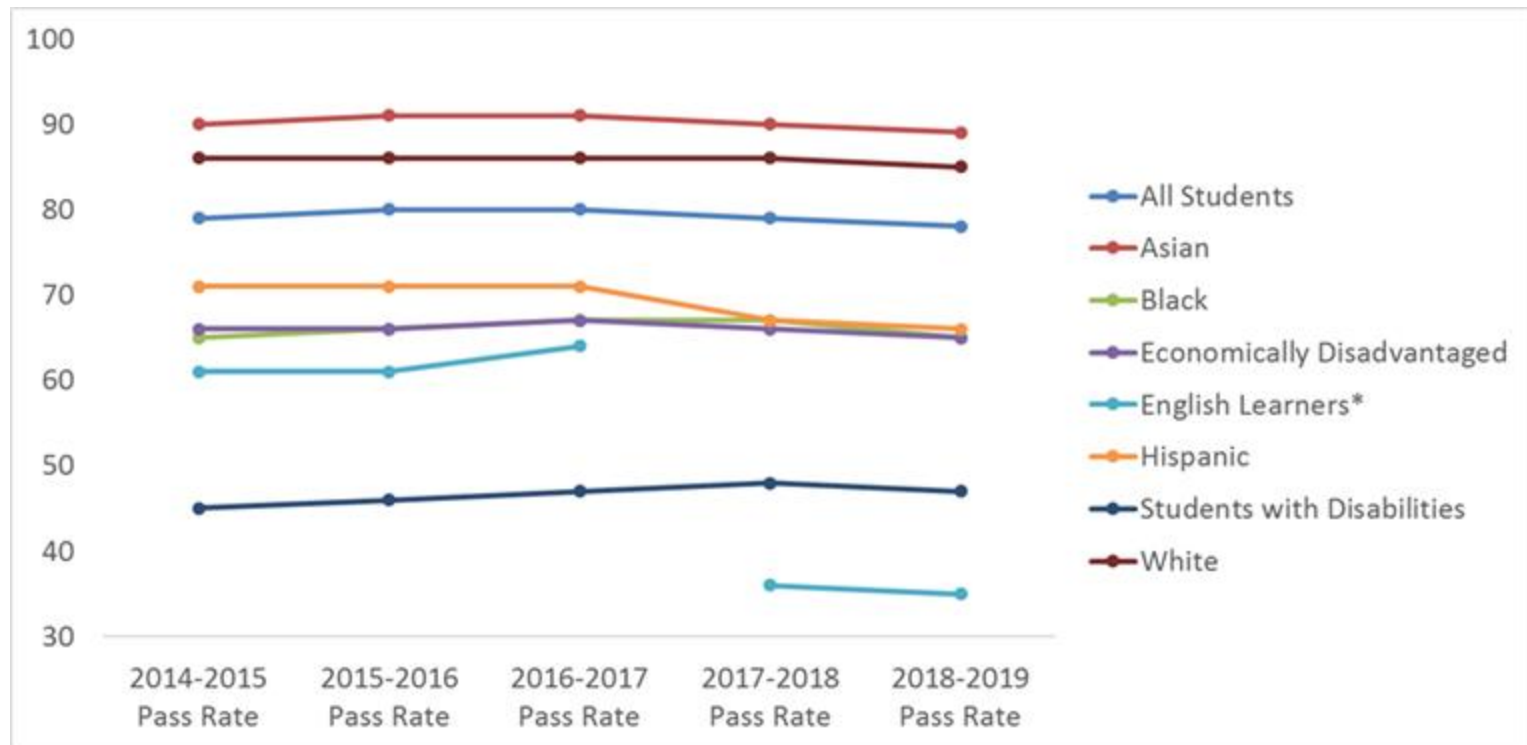
DEEPER LEARNING

- Strong, clear learning goals and success criteria
- Compelling content and student products
- Collaborative culture
- Student empowerment - ownership of a lesson
- Intentional instruction
- Authentic tools and resources
- Focus on literacy
- Quality feedback to support learning

“Regardless of the content, reading, writing, and speaking should be incorporated into every learning experience. Expose students to multiple texts, primary and secondary sources, and online resources.” Engage students in opportunities to write often—e.g., by pamphlets, creating surveys, posters, opinion writing, observational recordings and reflections.



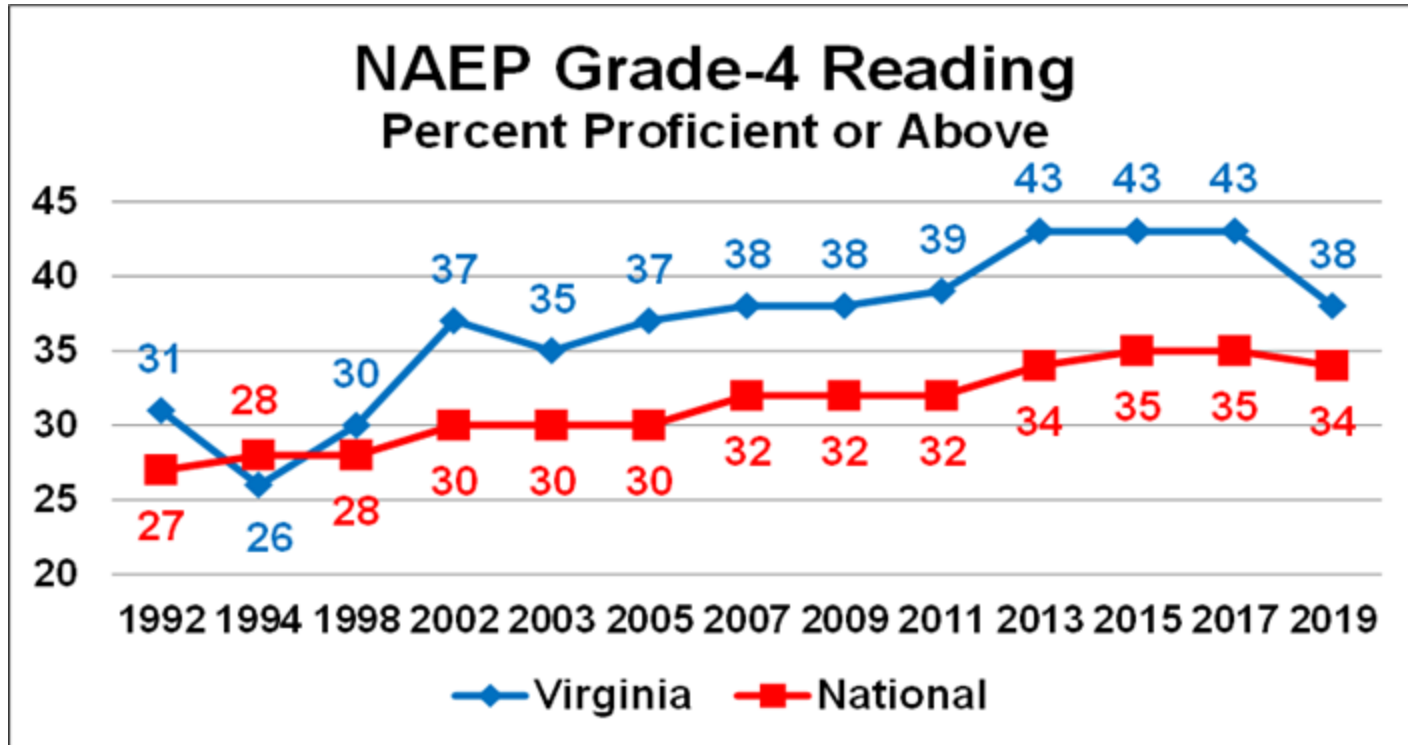
Reading performance by student group



Source: Virginia Reading SOL, grades 3-8, end of course HS



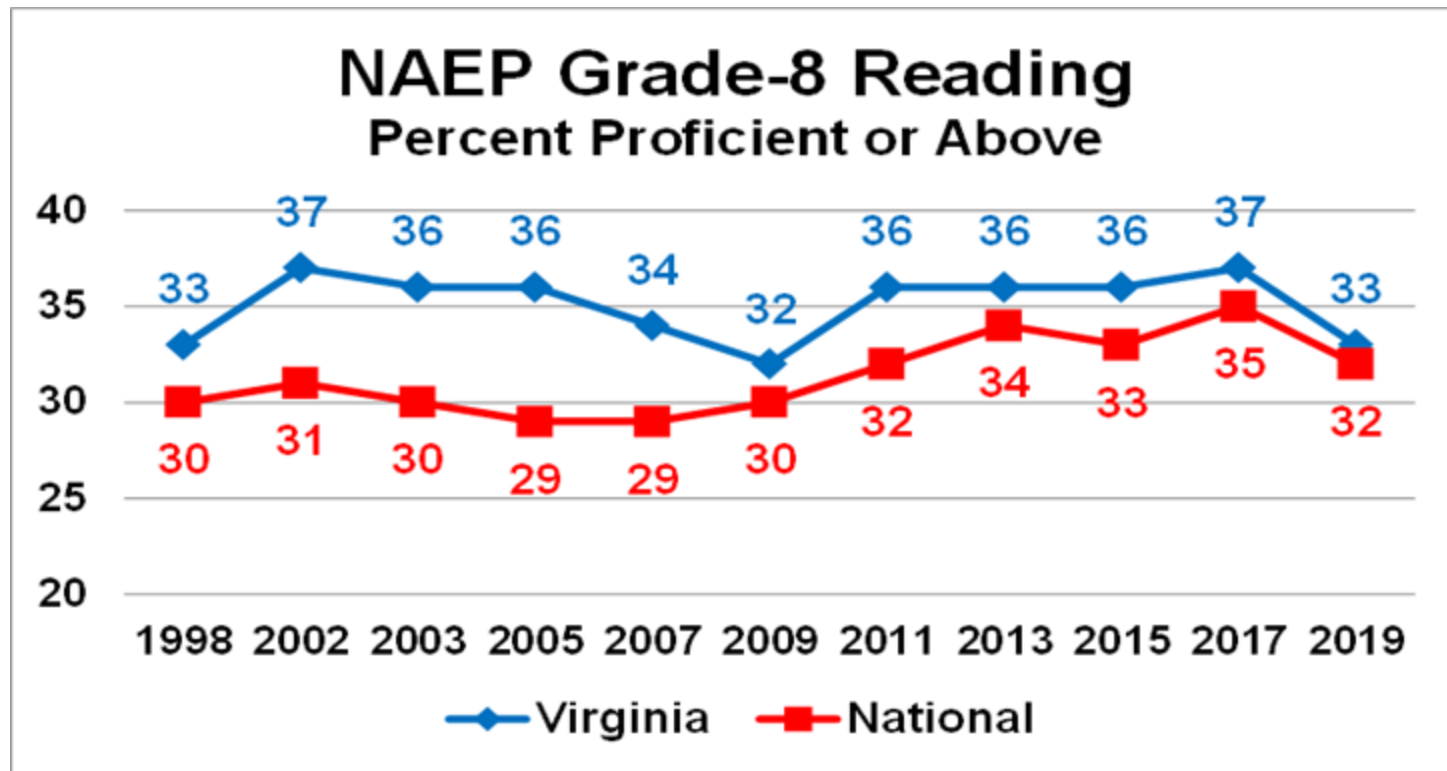
NAEP Performance



National Assessment of Educational Progress performance 1998-2019



NAEP Performance



National Assessment of Educational Progress performance 1998-2019



Improving Literacy Instruction

1. Enhancing the Awareness of the Science of Reading for All Learners
 2. Improving Teacher Preparation
 3. Expanding Early Childhood Care and Education Programs
 4. Ensure Equitable Access to Rigorous Instruction
 5. Increase Support for Students Beyond the Classroom
 6. Align Policy with Instructional Practices
 7. Eliminate Educator Shortage in Schools
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VDOE will ensure every student has access to a rigorous, culturally relevant, systemic approach to reading instruction that facilitates deeper learning and the development of future-ready skill sets as outlined in the Profile of a Virginia Graduate and the Virginia 5 C's. With the implementation of the new learning management system (VA LEAP), high-quality instructional materials will be shared for use throughout the Commonwealth.

One of our challenges is equity.

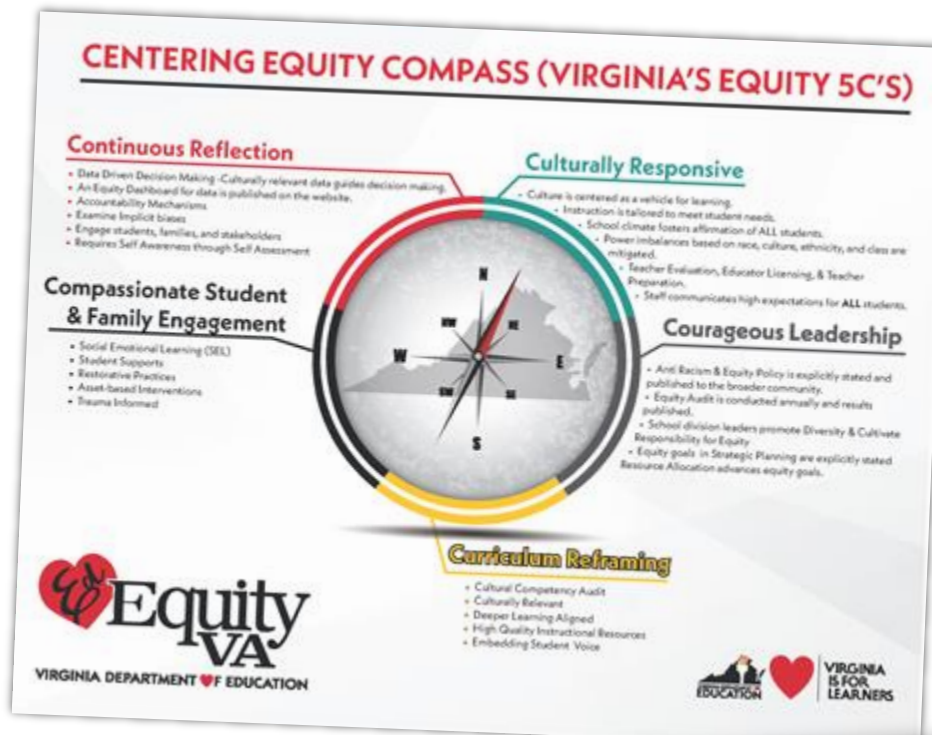
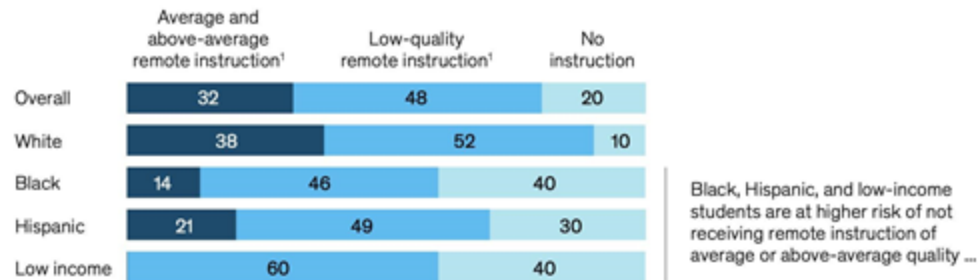




Exhibit 3

Learning loss will probably be greater for low-income, black, and Hispanic students.

Quality level of remote instruction, % of K–12 students



Average months of learning lost in scenario 2 compared with typical in-classroom learning²



¹ Estimates based on income quintiles, with assumption that top 2 income quintiles receive high-quality instruction.

² Includes 0.05 standard deviation reduction for black, Hispanic, and low-income students to account for recession impacts (~1 month of additional lost learning).

Source: US Census 2018

Compounded learning loss is an equity issue.

Providing the support that's required when it's needed to those who need it.





Early childhood expansion is necessary to avoid compounding learning loss.

Achievement gaps start before the first day of kindergarten. We must start earlier.

Virginia Kindergarten Readiness Program data (VKRP) from the fall of 2019 told us that:

- 44% of all children are unprepared in one or more of the critical learning domains of literacy, mathematics, social skills, or self-regulation;
- 66% of children identified as having a disability are not ready for kindergarten;
- 56% of children from economically-disadvantaged backgrounds are unprepared in one of the four critical learning domains

In 2020, the early childhood education division of the DSS began its merger with the VDOE as the **Division of School Readiness**.

Our efforts thus far have focused on improving our VPI preschool programs.



New Equity Audit Kit



CURRICULUM REFRAMING

Mitigates bias and ensures that diverse groups from all rings of culture are represented, validated, and affirmed. Ensures historical accuracy and reflection of diverse perspectives.

- ☐ Do we include in our textbook review process, evaluation of the content to ensure that it reflects the experiences and perspectives of diverse racial, ethnic, language, religious, and gender groups?
- ☐ Do we provide training to instructional leads on culturally relevant curriculum auditing practices?
- ☐ In the last 12 months, has our division used an audit or tool to evaluate our curriculum for cultural inclusivity and accuracy?
 - ☐ If yes - Select the subjects and grade levels in which curriculum was audited for cultural inclusivity and accuracy (select all that apply):
 - ☐ Preschool/Early Childhood
 - ☐ History & Social Science (all grade spans)
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PANDEMIC FINANCIAL RELIEF

Federal Coronavirus Relief Funds- \$220.8M - Distributed by ADM
@\$175/pupil. For purchases through December 30, 2020.

- Testing Supplies
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
- Facility Cleaning and Sanitization
- Technology to Support Distance Learning
- Staffing
- Capital Facility Upgrades
- Pupil Transportation
- Emphasize Special Student Populations
 - English Learner (EL) students,
 - students receiving special education,
 - and young learners in grades PK-3.

GEER/ESSER Funding

- \$5M for Summer Academies and Kindergarten Preparation
- \$1M to build virtual content, K-8 in Virtual Virginia
- \$917,000 to support locally delivered fall diagnostic assessments to identify students' instructional needs and learning gaps
- \$750,000 to support a state-coordinated, evidence-based assessment of student social-emotional learning
- \$500,000 for Emergency Child Care
- \$300,000 to support state-coordinated family engagement and family literacy activities

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIME.



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